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SEMO B. B. LEAGUE REORGANIZED SUN.

The Southeast Missouri Baseball League was reorganized at an enthusiastic meeting of baseball men from this section and Blytheville, Ark., at Malden Sunday afternoon. A four team loop was organized with the first game to be played May 6, the scheduled to be arranged later. Blytheville, Ark., was represented and made application to join the circuit. If another team is obtained, so that a six team loop can be formed, Blytheville will be accepted.

Sikeston, Cape Girardeau, Kennett and Malden, now compromise the League, but it is thought that the Poplar Bluff Hornets will enter, which will also allow Blytheville to come in. If Blytheville enters, their representative stated, they will either build a park just over the Missouri line from Blytheville or will play at Cardwell. Sunday baseball is not permitted in Arkansas, but it is thought that since Blytheville is a baseball town, that large crowds could be played to, who would drive from Blytheville to the games.

A. L. Biffle of Bloomfield was re-elected president of the League; R. Irl Jones, vice-president and Dr. C. W. Limbaugh, of Sikeston as secretary and treasurer.

There was a represenative body of baseball men ppresent; W. T. Malone represented Sikeston, Homer Smetzer, Malden; Rush Smith, Kennett and Mr. Biffle, Cape Girardeau.

Poplar Bluff was not represented at the meeting, but President Biffle said that he would be in Poplar Bluff this week and would meet with the management of the Horents there in regards their entering the League. According to reports from there, the management of the Hornets is seriously considering plans for entering the loop.

Rules governing the hiring of players were made whereby a man to be eligible to play for a town, must be a resident of the vicinity and must not live more than twenty-two miles from the town. This number was chosen after some discussion which will prevent "ringers" from being played.

Local players held an unofficial workout here Sunday while the management was at the meeting in Malden. Much interest has been displayed in the local team and it is thought that Sikeston's chances for finishing on top are exceptionally good. The twenty-two mile rule will not hurt Sikeston as Haman of Benton is the onlyout-of-town man who is being counted on by the locals.

Bloomfield School Dedicated

Bloomfield, March 31.—The dedication of the new, $75,000 Bloomfield high school building took place here last night with a crowd of 900 persons attending. Although the building was practically finished and school was held in it November 1, the dedication was delayed until a number of details could be finished. The brick structure is of fireproof construction and will house the growing high school which already employes nine teachers.

Cobb Not To Retire

Augusta, Ga., March 31.—Ty Cobb has no intention of quitting baseball this year, he said today when informed fo reports that he had decided to retire after making $200,000 in the stock market.

MORLEY BANK ROBBERY SOLVED—THREE MEN HELD

The daring bank holdup at Morley last November was solved last week, according to word from authorities at Benton. Three men alleged to have taken part in he affair are now under arrest. One is being held at Benton, another is under heavy bond, and the third is under bond in Illinois.

The fourth member of the gang alleged to have robbed the bank is dead, having died from natural causes a few weeks after the robbery.

The men held are:

Ben Henson of West Frankfort, Ill., for the return of whom to Missouri requisition papers have been authorized.

Shelby Tines of near Risco, who is in jail at Benton, and who is alleged to have admitted complicity in the holdup.

John Adams of Caruthersville, who is under $5000 bond, charged with being a member of the bandit gang.

Odie Burkes of West Frankfort, who is alleged to be the fourth member of the gang, is dead.

Simultaneously with the announcement of the solution of the robbery by Prosecuting Attorney Montgomery and Sheriff E. A. Dye, two special deputy sheriffs were dispatched to West Frankfort, Ill., to bring Henson back here for trial.

None of the money has been recovered, authorities said. They say that the loot, amounting to $4700.25, was divided equally among the four men, according to the State charge.

Henson, Tines and Burks are alleged to be the men who entered the Morley bank shortly before noon on November 9, held up L. L. Hunter, the cashier, at the point of a gun, scooped up he money and fled in an automobile. Ward Hunter, a son of the cashier, who entered the bank during the hold-up, was also forced against the wall. Adams is alleged to have remained in the car while the hold-up was in progress.

Burks was alleged to have been the leader of the gang and was said to have been the more calm of the bandits. At the time, it was said that the younger of the men, alleged to have been Tines, appeared extremely nervous and was cautioned by the older man to 'take your time".

Tines, who is married, has resided near Risco. He was arrested at Blytheville, Ark., several weeks ago. He is a relative of Adams.

TRAIN SERVICE ON FRISCO RESUMED AFTER WRECK

Blame for the weakened trestle over the Diversion Channel near Nash, Mo., which caused the engined and a poultry car of a special northbound freight train to plunge into the water Thursday morning, killing two men and injuring a third, was placed on a southbound freight which had passed over the trestle a short time before. Machinery on the southbound freight had slipped as tht train passed over the trestle and had caught in it, weakening the structure.

Funeral services for Engineer Ed Lynch, who was killed, were held in St. Louis last week. R. J. Davis, brakeman, the other victim, was buried at Poplar Bluff. His home was in Chaffee at the time of the wreck. Henry Lownsdale, who was riding in the poultry car escaped with minor injuries.

Train service on the main line of the Frisco which was held up by the wreck, was resumed Sunday. Trains have been routed over a branch line.

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SLOGAN CONTEST FOR BOND ISSUE AMONG SCHOOLS

A slogan contest, in which every boy and girl of Scott County can take part, is announced by Major Lloyd C. Stark, general chairman of the Citizens' Road Bond Committee, sponsoring the proposal $75,000,000 bond issue for completing Missouri's State Highway System. Four cash prizes, of $50, $25, $15 and $10, are offered for the best and most catchy slogans submitted for use in the coming bond issue campaign.

The contest is limited to the school children of Missouri, of high school or lower grades, whether enrolled in public, parochial, semi-private or private schools. Full particulars of the contest will be given in this paper next week, or they may be obtained by writing Major Lloyd C. Stark, care Citizens' Road Bond Committee, 1405 Federal Commerce Trust Building, St. Louis, Mo.

MRS. GEO. HAWKINS DIES

Mrs. George Hawkins, 41, died at her home on Wilson Avenue Sunday evening. Funeral services will be held today (Tuesday) at the Baptist Church, the Rev. S. P. Brite will conduct the service. Mrs. Hawkins is survived by her husband and two children, Hulard and Woodrow, four brothers, Jess, Roy, William and Gus Wright and two sisters, Betty Battenfield of Quartz, Okla., and Mrs. Lucy Perkins of Cairo. Interment will be in Carpenter's Cemetery. The funeral will be conducted by the Albritton Undertaking Company.

Pie supper at the Miner Community Hall Tuesday night. Everybody come. Benefit of the piano fund.

Mrs. Jim Midgett. Mrs. W. O. Venson of Kewanee were visitors of Mrs. Nannie Wright, Saturday afternoon.

The primary department of the Methodist church will hold an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. E. Felker.

IT OCCURRED TO ME

His girl was so dumb that she wanted to know if the drums that the Legion ordered would be inflated when they arrived.

The local order of Estimators has held several conclaves before the chart at Dud's, but contrary to the usual practice, no entries have been made on the chart.

I do not know just what the story of the new Fox film, "Four Sons" is, but here is a true one of a family I know. Madame Block, who lives in Straasbourg has four sons. Paul and Marcel came to America years ago, and Andre and Louis remained at home. In 1914, both of the sons that remained with their mother were called for service with the German army. In 1915 Louis was captured by the French and after a year as a prisoner was allowed to enlist in the French army where he was sent to Africa for service.

In 1917 Marcel and Paul were drafted in our army. Paul got over and was on duty in Coblenz following the Armistice. In February, 1919, Sergeant Andre of the German army, Sergeant Louis of the French army and Sergeant Paul of the U. S. army, all got leave at the same time and visited their mother in Straasbourg.

There are no tears in this story of "Four Sons".

Big time here on the Fourth of July.

Big time here today (Tuesday).

Suggested statement for an unfortunate candidate. "I did not get as many votes as I thought I would, but then I hardly expected to".

Pencils will be furnished at the booths.

Robley Lennox, Ray Hudson, Ray Wedel and E. W. Cox drove to Cape Girardeau, Sunday.

The sign boards between the City Hall and the Post Office building have been removed preparatory to the erection of the funeral home buildign of H. J. Welsh.

SAYS BOND ISSUE PROVIDES FOR FARM-TO-MARKET ROADS

Mexico, Mo., April 1.—The expenditure of $2,080,136 on uncompleted links of the State Highway System, and on supplementary farm-to-market roads in Audrain County, is outlined by T. H. Cutler, chief highway engineer, in announcing county plans under the proposed $75,000,000 bond issue.

The estimate includes $1,701,852 for unexpended balances on the State highway system and United States Highway No 54, and $378,284 for supplementary roads. Audrain County still has a balance of $1,480,413 to be expended on Route 15 north of Mexico, Route 22 west of Mexico, and United States Highway 54 east of this city. For work on United States Highway 54 south of Mexico, now paved with a 9-foot concrete slab, there is $221,439 yet to be expended, Cutler says.

"Farm-to-market funds as provided for by the new amendment will be for farm-to-market roads, and none of the money will be spent on the present designed system", he wrote in a recent letter. "What the bond issue will do, in addition to providing this money for farm-to-market roads will be to complete the present system four or five years earlier than is possible under the pay-as-you-go plan. This will be done without any increase in automobile license fees or gasoline tax, and without a property tax", he said.

FIRE ON KATHLEEN AVE.

Fire destroyed a woodshed in the rear of C. B. Poage on Kathleen Avenue about 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The damage was about $100, the cause was not clearly determined, but it is though to have been a grass fire, which had been started in the alley back of the shed. A large crowd quickly assembled to watch the fire.

The Standard $1.50, per year.

LIFE INSURANCE FRAUD LEADS TO ARREST OF TWO

Poplar Bluff, March 29.—Two men are under arrest and several other arrests are expected in connection with what postal inspectors term one of the largest insurance frauds ever uncovered in the Middle West.

The inspectors say it will involve several persons in Southeast Missouri and Northeast Arkansas.

William C. Wood of Charleston and John Whitehead of Poplar Bluff are under arrest. Wood was taken to Cape Girardeau and bound over to the Federal Court. Whitehead was arrested here late yesterday.

The arrests followed an investigation in a civil action which R. F. Masterson, Dr. S. P. Blackwood and the First National Bank of Corning, Ark., instituted against the Home Life Insurance Co. of New York to collect $14,000 in insurance on the life of Gilbert Hays.

In the civil action it is charged that Hays was not the man examined on his death, but that Wood was substituted, taken before a physician and introduced as Hays.

Wood said he was taken before Dr. H. E. White at Naylor, Mo., by John Whitehead, then soliciting agent for the Home Life Insurance Co., and represented as Hays. He passed the medical examination.

One of the policies taken out on Hays was $9000. It was held by Masterson. A $5000 policy was assigned to Dr. Blackwood and reassigned to the First National Bank of Corning.

Testimony introduced in the civil action was to the effect that Hays was an invalid, when the insurance was taken out. Three weeks ago his body was disinterred and the vital organs were sent to the State chemist at Little Rock, Ark., for examination to determine if poison could be found. No report of this examination has been made public.

FUNERAL FOR WILLIS TODAY

Funeral services for United States Senator Frank B. Willis, Ohio's favorite son candidate for the Republican nomination for the presidency, who died suddenly at Delaware, Ohio, his home town, Friday night, will be held there today (Tuesday). He will be buried beside his father and mother in the Oak Grove Cemetery. For two hours Sunday afternoon the people of Delaware, who turned out Friday night to acclaim their favorite son in an old-fashioned home-coming celebration, filed past his bier.

DONIPHAN BRIDGE OPENED

Doniphan, April 2.—The Current River bridge was opened to traffic Sunday. It is the longest bridge in Missouri, except those over the Missouri River. Many motorists passed over the bridge Sunday.

Pie supper at the Miner Community Hall Tuesday night. Everybody come. Benefit of the piano fund.

Virginia Alsup is in the contest at the Sikeston Mercantile and wishes her friends and acquaintances to vote for her when they make purchases.

That Missouri needs to increase its home orchard tree total 200 per cent is the declaration of Secretary Jewell Mayes of the State Board of Agriculture, who recommends a 50 per cent planting each year in the spring seasons of 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931. Guard against planting more than an experimental few of new and locally untested varieties, sticking preferably to trees of known home value.

HUNTER'S BANK OF NEW MADRID CLOSES

The Hunter's Bank, the oldest institution in New Madrid County was closed Thursday afternoon when its Board of Directors found the cash reserve to be running low. The closing followed a slow run of several months in which about $110,000 has been withdrawn from the bank, according to H C. Hunter, a director, and a run which started more recently in which some $20,000 was drawn.

The run on the bank was caused by an action of the New Madrid County Court, according to word received by S. L. Cantley, State Finance Commissioner at Jefferson City.

Some time ago, Cantley said, the New Madrid County Court decided a new bond for some $50,000 of county funds, deposited in the bank, was desired, in order that no delay should be experienced in getting the county, money should Hunter die.

Instead of going to the bank officials quietly and "in a businesslike way", Cantley said the report to him showed the court made the matter a proceeding of public record and sent the sheriff to the bank to demand the bond.

Within 30 minutes the report was all over New Madrid. The commissioner said the run then began.

The State Finance Commissioner was immediately notified and C. M. Duncan, State Bank examiner, arrived in New Madrid Friday and took charge.

The bank was organized in 1905 and enjoyed a rapid growth until in 1918 the total resources totaled over $1,000,000. Depressed agriculutral conditions followed and loans made were slow to be paid as was the condition in most banks. The closed bank had a capital stock of $150,000 and the last statement of the financial condition published on the 31st day of December, 1927, the total resources amounted to $462,648.18. The officers of the bank are A. B. Hunter, President; H. C. Hunter, Vice President; T. A. Wood, Cashier. On Monday of this week H. E. Broughton, Sr., was elected Vice President and took charge of the management of the bank as H. C. Hunter resigned to take charge of his large farming interests.

Officials of the bank are hopeful of reopening the institution. but no actoin will be taken along this line until the Bank Examiner has made a complete audit of the books. This will require about ten days.

The closing of the bank is regretted as it ties up the deposits of many people, some of whom are in immediate need of their money. It is hoped that some plan for reopening the bank can be worked out.

REMUS IS FREED

Lima, Ohio, March 30.—George Remus, former bootleg leader and wife slayer, won his fight for freedom from the Lima State Hospital for the Criminal Insane today when the Third District Court of Appeals handed down a decision holding him sane.

The decision was rendered after the court had held under consideration for more than three weeks, the question of whether Remus was sane. The hearing on his application for release on a write of habeas corpus opened on February 20 and continued about two weeks while alienists and Remus himself took their turns in the witness chair.

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It won't be long now. Some will wonder how it happened, while others can tell the reason. The boat is at the wharf waiting for the trip up Salt River and it is hoped there will be no mutiny aboard. Running for office is expensive if you win, and if you loose, the family larder sometimes is low for weeks and months. Don't be disappointed for all cannot win.

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The closing of the Hunter Bank at New Madrid last week comes as a shock to this entire section. The Standard sincerely hopes that this vital institution will be able to reopen its doors in a very short time. Hunter's Bank has, perhaps, done more toward the development of New Madrid County and toward putting that County on the map than any other agency. Through its vast resources much good has been done in that section which has in turn benefitted the entire section around it.

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The Standard is in receipt of the Eighteenth Anniversary Edition of the Dexter Statesman. It is a sixteen page paper, crammed with interesting news of yesterday as well as today and the usual Ed Crowe editorials which are always unusual. The Standard wishes Mr. Crowe and his Statesman the continued success which has been enjoyed in the past.

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A goodly part of the enthusiasm was taken from the Republican National Convention to meet at Kansas City in June, when the car load of whiskey and liquors intended for that event, was captured in St. Louis last week.

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It will be but a few hours now until those candidates with opposition can tell how their friends stood by them, or just how many liars there are in Sikeston.

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Go forth into the busy world and love it, interest yourself in its life, mingle kindly with its joys and sorrows, try what you can do for men rather than what you can make them do for you, and you will know what it is to have men yours, better than if you were their kind of master.—Brook Hereford.

IF YOU EVER BORROWED A CUP OF SUGAR

When you must borrow a cup of sugar or the use of the telephone or a little gas for the car, why do you unhesitatingly appeal to your neighbor?

Grocer, telephone company, filling station would eventually supply your need. But to meet the immediate contingency you call across the backyard fence. The sugar—and it's good sugar—is handed over. That's service, prompt, efficient, honest. But there's a certain something more to that little transaction—an indefinable something that can scarcely be described in the printed word or illustrated in a catalog. It's a feeling of mutual understanding and reciprocity, as of one who, having lived long among strangers, returns again to his own people; it's the same feeling that inspires this, and our similar messages to you. It's the Spirit of Neighborliness.

After all we're more than mere merchant and patron. We're neighbors. And if service, prompt, efficient, honest, is essential to true neighborliness—and we believe it is—that's the service that is sincerely offered by your local merchant.

Charley Blanton is getting either old or religion, for here of late he hasn't been one bit rough even with the most errant. Well, all his stuff is good whether it has a barbed-wire edge to it or not.—Dexter Statesman.

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Life affords no higher pleasure than that of surmounting difficulties, passing from one step of success to another, forming new wishes and seeing them gratified. He that labors in any great or laudable undertaking has his fatigues first supported by hope and afterwards rewarded by joy.—Dr. Johnson.

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Petitions for placing upon the ballot the $75,000,000 road bond proposition are being circulated in this and adjoining counties. Those who desire to see the Missouri road building program carried on at full speed are signing and circulating these petitions on the assurance of the Citizens' Road Bond Committee of which Maj. Lloyd C. Stark of Louisiana, is chairman, that no increases of taxation is involved in the proposition. The State Highway system can be completed in five years under the bond issue plan, and the bonds, both interest and principal, will be paid off from the money derived from the motor vehicle licenses and the tax on gasoline, without increasing these taxes and without any property tax whatever. Those who desire to circulate the petitions in their neighborhoods may obtain the blanks by writing the Citizens' Road Bond Committee, 1405 Federal Commerce Trust Building, St. Louis.

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Mr. and Mrs. Francis Webb spent Sunday in Kennett.

ELECTION TODAY TO BRING VOTERS OUT

Nineteen candidates will smillingly face the barrier this morning for an all-day races for the ten City offices which are to be filled today. Ten of these will wear extra smiles and receive the congratulations of friends tonight when the results of the election are announced.

Polls for the regular City election pen this morning at 6 o'clock and close at 7 tonight. Voters in the First Ward will poll at the City Hall, in the Second at oByers' Garage, the Third at the Scott County Motor Co. and in the Fourth at the Leslie Lumber Company.

Ed Fuchs, who was unopposed for he office of Mayor, said before the election Monday, "I have not made a very active campaign for re-election as my business interests lately have kept me busy, but I want the voters to know that I want their votes and that I really want the office".

S. N. Shepherd, candidate for re-election as City Collector stated, "If re-elected, I promise to discharge the duties of the office the best that I know how and I wish to point to my record while in office as an indication."

W. E. ("Cousin Ed") Hollingsworth says to the voters, "If elected to the office as your City Collector, I will endeavor to discharge the duties as such to the best of my ability and to give the office my personal attention".

W T. Cobb, the other candidate for the office of City Collector, has never held a city office here and promises to serve the voters to the best of his ability if elected.

Walter Kendall, who is running unopposed for Chief of Police, is doing so on his past record as an officer in that capacity.

Judge W. S. Smith, candidate for re-election as police judge, says, "I will fill the office, if re-elected, to the best of my ability as I have done in the past".

Judge Jos. W. Myers, who is also seeking the police judge office, said, "If elected I will be partial to none and will discharge to duties of the office as best my years of experience in this work will allow me to do".

Judge H. A. Walton, who has recently entered the race for police judge, says "I have not held office in Sikeston before and ask the voters to support me on the grounds that I will make them an efficient officer".

Roger Bailey, candidate for re-election as City Attorney, says, "I am seeking re-election as there are several important matters in City affairs which have been started while I have been in office and I would like to finsh them up as I believe I know most about them".

A. H. Haymes promises to give the office of City Attorney the same careful attention that he does his private practice if elected, he says, and states that in his several years of residence here, he has learned to like the town and wants to serve it.

Each of the candidates for alderman stated that he would fulfill the office to the best of his ability if elected except C. H. Denman. In a rude manner Mr. Denman told a Standard representative that he had no statement to make.

T. A. Wilson is unopposed for alderman of the First Ward.

Charles Hebbeler and J. T. Bruce are making the race in the Second Ward.

There is a three cornered race in the Third Ward between Emanuel F. Schorle, Judson Boardman and J. A. Poindexter.

In the Fourth Ward, F. F. Young and C. H. Denman are candidates.

Wilson, Bruce and Boardman are present aldermen who are running for re-election. Denman, also a member of the old Board, was appointed to fill an unexpired term of Clifford Gipson.

Indications for a close vote for many of the offices are more evident now than at any time previously. A large vote, considering the fact that there is no opposition for the office of Mayor, is now expected.

Garages reported a heavy business Saturday and Monday in getting automobiles greased and ready for heavy work today. The filling stations were also busy filling tanks which will, no doubt, be emptied by tonight.

The much talked of "dark horse" is out but he is out for an office which is in the main honorary and which is new for Sikeston. P. H. Stephenson's name will appear on the ballot for City Assessor. Mr. Stpehenson is the present City Clerk and this new office will be in line with his present duties. He will represent the City in cases where the books of the City and County do not agree as to assessments.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sheppard and Miss Hyacinth spent Saturday night and Sunday in Cairo with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Moll and family.

HA! HA!

Yes, Sir. Just scan over the abnormal prices used by others for bait, then come to the Sikeston Mercantile Company and we will sell it for less if we have it.

SEZ THE SIKESTONIAN

By I. C. SIKESTON

The pet squawk of a lot of people is that this section has gone to the bow-wows and that everybody is broke—just drive up Front Street any night and try and find a place to park your car.

—That is, any night except Sunday, there's lots of room then, but the highways and streets in Cape Girardeau are being used.

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Hint to young men with "bug" who are contemplating marriage. After all other methods have failed and you still think you cannot live without her, try this one final test. Put her in the back seat of your car and you sit in front, then drive five miles in any direction. If she makes no move to drive the car from her place—marry her at once, you have that ONE they are always talking about that is in every million.

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Did you ever stop and think how much of your time is taken up in waiting? You wait for trains, for dinner, for the show to start and for a lot of other things, but perhaps the best known wait is that fifteen minutes to an hour that the young man waits after the little sister has informed his date that he has arrived. We happened to overhear one of these young men greet his fiancee one night, after a thirty minute wait, like this:

"Well, I suppose I ought not complain; so far you have always got theday and the month right".

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A "buxom" lass is one that is fat only in the right places.

CIRCUIT COURT NEWS

Since the last report in the County paper the following proceedings have been had in the Circuit Court:

State vs Sam Micthell, felonious assault, trial by jury, verdict of guilty and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

State vs Ralph Wilson, burglary and larceny, trial by jury, verdict of guilty, and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Naturalization petition of Mary Catherine Gertrude Keusenkothen, papers granted.

Mrs. Ida Mason Bone, guardian of Urban Mason vs. Emory Mason, J. R. Joyce and G. W. Layton, note, judgment by default, $2343.13.

Grover White vs William Bolen, replevin, judgment for costs against appellant.

Commercial Credit Co., a corp., vs Henry Comer, defd.. Walker-Whippett Co., Inc., garnishee, account, judgment for plaintiff for $60.

Elsie Menz vs Estate of Lawrence Lux, Dec., demand against estate change of venue to Cape Girardeau Court of Common Pleas.

Emil E. Dohogne vs Louis Halter, Jr., note, judgment by default, $387.66.

Louis Halter, Jr., vs J. S. Campbell, note, judgment by default, $270.27.

The Aeolian Company of Missouri, a corp., vs G. F. Callihan, an individual, doing business under the name of Callihans Electric Shop, account, judgment by default, $542.82.

J. F. Houlehan vs S. P. Reynolds, notes, judgment by default, $1907.43.

C. M. Smith & Sons vs Joseph H. Stubbs, Jr., contract, judgment for plaintiff.

CASES CONTINUED

State vs Frank Crews, selling liquor.

State vs Levy Tally and George Doe, selling whiskey.

State vs Wm. R. Allen, leaving scene of accident.

State vs Frank Compas, receiving deposits in insolvent bank.

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State vs Frank Crews, selling liquor.

Leo Dumey vs Joe Morie, John oMire, Joe A. LeGrand and Edward Eichhorn, note.

Thompson McGuire vs Eva McGuire Harris, Cecil C. Harris, Lillian McGuire Schrand, Richard Schrand and Cordelia McGuire, partition of real estate.

CASES DISMISSED

Lois Wendell, a minor, by Ida Wendell, next friend, vs J. B. Moore, malicious prosecution.

D. A. Chapin vs A. J. Nichols and Amanda Nichols, note.

Myrtle Myers vs Bryan Myers, divorce.

Ed Schwartz vs St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Co., a corp., damages.

The Diehlstadt Bank, a corp., vs J. Louis Cox, Defd., Bank of Sikeston, garnishee, note.

DECRESS GRANTED

Mary S. Cox vs Lovelle R. Cox, divorce.

Grace Lee Ervin vsEdward Hardin Ervin, divorce.

Effie Feltner vs F. M. Feltner, divorce.

Alice Maschino vs Frnak Maschino diovrce.

Ortance K. Enbank, by next friend, vs William Henry Eubank, divorce.

Dorothy May Watson vs Cecil Early Watson, divorce.—Benton Democrat.

SELLS 84 POLICIES

C. L. Malone, local agent for the Travelers' Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., made a record sale of eighty-four accident and health policies in two days time to employees of the Scott County Milling Company. These policies are under the blanket plan, whereby the Milling Company takes charge of the premium payments. This makes a total of more than 100 policies sold by Mr. Malone to employees of the mill.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS TO MEET

The Young Democrat's Jefferson Club of Missouri is to hold its fourth annual banquet at the Baltimore Hotel in Kansas City Saturday, April 14. From present indications, says word from headquarters, a large number will be on hand that night. Temporary headquarters of the Club have been opened at the Baltimore Hotel.

TO OPERATE TRUCK LINE

Rube Coleman has announced that beginning about April 18, he will operate a truck freight line between here and St. Louis. He intends to haul produce and garden stuff to the St. Louis market. Those having garden truck, etc., may get in touch with him. Mr. Coleman will announce his schedule next week.

COUNCIL MEETS

The last session of the old City Council was to have been held Monday night at the City Hall. The City Attorney has drawn up a revision for Section 8 of the fire ordinance which will be submitted. This has to do with the using of wood shingles for roofing material. Routine matters were also scheduled.

NOTICE!

While we do not have any objections to the people of this community using our poles as a support for advertising matter, we wish to call your attention to the fact that the practice of using tacks to hold your cards and bills on them is very dangerous to our linemen.

These tacks have caused numerous falls, some resulting seriously, by the lineman's climber striking a tack head and slipping off the pole.

If you wish to use these poles to post your advertising matter, please use a string to hold the card or poster in place by passing it around the pole and through the card.

Missouri Utilities Co.

Electricity Is Cheep In Sikeston

CORONA PERCOLATOR

Regular Price $8.00

Special Price $6.95

One Pound of Morning Joy Coffee Free
Donated by McKnight-Keaton Gro. Co.

Coffee prepared in the Corona Percolator is healthy economical to make, and the Universal Pump starts it percolating in 18 seconds from cold water.

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MISSOURI UTILITIES CO.

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For home or church decoration at Eastertide, Easter lilies afford a most effective scheme. We are in a position to supply the needed blooms in any quantity you wish.

Phone 192

YOUNG'S

Flowers *Insurance* *Loans* *Contractors*

Building for the Ages

[Built centuries ago, yet built so well that it will withstand many more centuries, the Sphinx stands as a lasting monument to honest effort]

So may we of Sikeston build, not alone the material creations which go toward making up this community, but may we also build good will upon a foundation of honest trading with our fellow men, so that it will outlast even the most substantial of concrete erections.

To make our dreams of a greater community come true, we must start to build from the very foundation. Confidence in our home institutions, as evidenced by our trade relations with them, is the cornerstone—careful and conscientious regard for our credit standing in our dealings, and a willingness to do our full share in any and every enterprise that tends to the good of our community, are the materials we should use in our building, if it is to outlast the ages.

Then we will have a Community of which we may well be proud.

The following business and professional interests stand ready to serve you and Sikeston

Have you tried, — Golden brown waffles, Electrically cooked right on your table.

PHONE 28

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Phone 229

SUPERIOR CHEVROLET MOTOR COMPANY

for Economical Transportation

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Sikeston, Missouri

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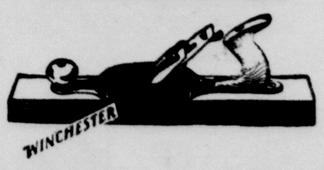
"THE WINCHESTER STORE"



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Some people prefer bulk ice cream, others like the brick. To please both, we keep an ample selection of brick and bulk in assorted flavors.

Hebbeler Ice Cream Company

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C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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of Cape Girardeau

For Sheriff
GEORGE C. BEAN
TOM SCOTT

For Treasurer
H. G. SCHMITZ
C. E. FELKER

For Assessor
C. A. STALLINGS

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For Mayor
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For City Collector
S. N. SHEPHERD
W. ED HOLLINGSWORTH
W. T. COBBS

For Police Judge
JOS. W. MYERS
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City Attorney
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Alderman, First Ward—
T. A. WILSON

Alderman, Second Ward—
CHARLES HEBBELER

Alderman, Third Ward—
EMANUEL SCHORLE

Alderman, Fourth Ward—
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BROWN JEWELL

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For County Surveyor
JAMES A. COLLIER

NEW MADRID COUNTY

For Treasurer
Subject to Democratic Primary
WADE TUCKER

There has been considerable pussy-footing going on to defeat candidates who are willing to give the voters themselves an opportunity to pass on the Sunday picture show proposition. When part of our people refuse the others a hearing at the polls, then how can any question be settled. The Standard would like to see the question settled by a vote, and then it will be settled for good, but until it is settled at the polls the ghost will arise again.

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The Standard is glad to note that a revival is under way at the Methodist Church. We shall hope that it will be successful beyond expectation. We hope, too, that the good minister will reconvert some of his flock now carried on the saved roll to such an extent that they will observe the Golden Rule, will try harder to pay their bills, will be more considerate of their fellow man, and set the balance of we sinners a better example in the future than in the past.

THE ROOFERS ARRIVE

The first robin is no more regular in his annual arrival than the out-of-town roofer.

Soon these smooth spoken gentlemen will circulate among our property owners extolling the virtues of the particular brand of roll roofing or shingles that they sell and assuring us that a roof put on by them will cost less, last longer and look better than any other roof in the world. They will offer terms of a few dollars down and balance in monthly payments that will be hard for us to resist.

Undoubtedly, many of these out-of-town roofing contractors make a product that will live up to every claim made for it, but these are two things that we all ought to consider before we sign any orders for roofing.

Right in this town of ours there are one or more competent contractors who specialize in laying roofs. The lumber yard can put you in touch with them, and community spirit and sense of fairness from neighbors should entitle these local cnotractors to an opportunity of at least bidding on our new roofs. Furthermore, it's only a matter of good business to check up as to whether the out-of-town roofer's price is really low by getting a competitive bid.

Finally, even if the out-of-town price is the lowest, we must consider whether it is enough lower to warrant seeking settlement at long distance in the event that the roof does not give permanent satisfaction. It is worth something to have the man that laid our roof and the lumber yard that sold him the material right where we can call them both on the carpet if anything goes wrong.

We hold no brief for roofers—local or out-of-town. We buy as cheaply as we can consistent with quality and have only admiration for our townsfolk who buy as well or better. The only thought that we wish to convey is that sometimes the lowest price comes from closest to home and always when a transaction involves a possibility of future service the "bird in the hand is worth two in the bush".

It looks mighty good to see so many young chickens coming into this section. It means that more families will have an every-day income when these pullets get to maturity. Now is the time to use care and precaution in getting these chicks started off right. The old-fashioned way of throwing out a few spoonsful of corn meal dough is past. The commercial feed as prepared by the Scott County Mill Co. and other scientific chick feed packers. contains all the ingredients to get the most growth and the earliest maturity. That is what counts. Thrifty growing chicks are the ones that bring in the most dollars. Give them the proper attention now and they will give you good returns later.

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We understand there is some talk of voting against the increase in school levy owing to dissatisfaction with the stand the Board has taken on the use of the Auditorium. If the proposition is beaten at this time it will be necessary for the Board to call for another election on the increase, or cut out some of the teachers, lock up the auditorium, close the Manual Training and Domestic Science Departments, and otherwise handicap the entire school program, which is out of the question. We shall vote for the increase.

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If Wilbur Glenn Volvia still thinks the earth is flat, he ought to go out automobile riding some time.—New York Evening Post.

BUY COWS!

It has been agreed by experts that Southeast Missouri is a good place for dairying. It has been pointed out that since the average farmer spends only about 100 days of the year at his crops he has 265 days to do his fence repairing, etc. This 265 days can be used to a far greater advantage—and that in the keeping of a few dairy cows on the place. The extra money received in this manner can be used, that is not denied.

At the present time local concerns can use much more milk and cream from this district than they are now getting—and moreover that market is growing. Cheese factories, milk condenseries and other dairy product concerns are always on the lookout for favorable locations. There is no reason why Sikeston should not have one of these insttiutions. The Sikeston Trust Company has taken the lead toward financing the raising of cows here and Hebbeler Brothers have also been active toward making this a dairy center. If you can use the extra money—buy a few cows and keep them around the place.

The editor is in reciept of the following from Steele, Mo. "To the writer of 'Sidelights on the Democratic Convention' at St. Joe appearing in the Friday, March 2 Standard.

"Might a female citizen venture to suggest that in the future you invest your $16.00 in two front row seats at a first night performance of Ziegfeld's Follies, and send to the convention in your stead, a well qualified woman who has her mind upon the 'needs of the nation' instead of the 'knees of the delegates', and who will not require the male candidates to qualify as matinee idols or screen favorites."

Yessum.

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The editor has heard quite a good deal of complaint of late by older people over the failure of boys and girls, principally high school students, failisg to speak to them. It is not so much that they care to be paid any special attention, but shows bad manners on the part of the youngsters, and is a reflection upon their parents. We do not know that there are many young people in town who have reached a pinnacle intelletcually or otherwise, which places them in a class to themselves or superior to average people. In most instances, we believe, this habit of ignoring their elders is merely caused by carelessness or indifference, either of which is a serious and unexcusable habit or state Young people are judged largely by little things. They may propriety occasionally, but politeness be expected to step over the line of is expected from all boys and girls who have had any worthwhile environments, either at home or in school. Be polite, it pays, and requires little effort.—Jackson Cash-Book.

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We observe that our competitor took the money and printed the story of a half-baked woman that she could cure cancer, goiter, blindness, etc. The Standard needed the money, too. but not bad enough to be a party to such a nonsensical farce.

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The Standard failed to state how Alderman Boardman voted on the Sunday picture show. He voted against giving the people a chance to say what they wanted, and if elected again will be the same way.

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This is not personal, but just a potgutted fact. If there had been more Sunday night pictures throughout the country and fewer petting parties along the by-ways, there would have been fewer hurry-up weddings and premature babies.

LIGHT PUBLIC HIGHWAYS AS BIG STEP IN MISSOURI'S FARM ELECTRIFICATION

Illumination of State and public highways would be an important step toward the electrification of farms, in the opinion of Owen D. Young, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the General Electric Company. Once the lines are extended for lighting the highways, it would be a simple matter to supply electricity to the farms on or near the roads, Mr. Young says.

On a basis of $35,000 per mile for road construction, the cost of lighting Missouri highways would be about 2 per cent of the highway investment, it is estimated. This could be provided by a small tax on automobiles, and a comparatively small amount of State aid, Mr. Young suggests.

"If the farmers, power companies, and State Department of Highways will co-operate, the problem is solved", Mr. Young declared. "Co-operation is essential to success. Neither group working alone can produce maximum results".

One of the farmer's great problems—the marketing of fruit and produce—will be simplified with the electrification of farms, Mr. Young says. With electricity on the farm will come electric refrigeration plants, either co-operatively owned by farmers in one section, or smaller ones on the farms, so that the farmer can temporarily store his fruit and other produce during periods of low demand and hold it for an active seller's market, he points out.

"The farmer will then have virtually all of the benefits of city residents", Young declared. "He can have electric lights, electrically-driven labor-saving devices, and electric household apliances. He will have his telephone. He will be able to keep in touch with the markets by telephone and radio, and hold his products for best prices. He will have his radio for entertainment. He will be assured that the highways leading from his farm to the city will always be well lighted and free from danger".

Research into the problem of electrification of Missouri farms and the cost of using electric energy on farms is now being made by the Missouri Committee On the Relation of Electricity to Agriculture, of which Dean F. B. Mumford, of the State College of Agriculutre, is Chairman.

FERTILIZER IN HILLS SOFT CORN INSURANCE

Fertilizer is valuable from two standpoints. It increases the yield and hastens the maturity of the crop, according to experiments that have been carried on at various experimen stations. The fertilizer, a 3-12-4 mixture, was applied in the hills with an attachment on the corn planter. These attachments have been improved to a point where they will deposit the fertilizer in the hill but not touching the seed, thus eliminating any danger of injury to the seed when sprouting. At the Ohio station, the silking date was hastened three weeks by fertilizer applied in this manner, maturing corn of excellent quality while most of the corn in that section was not ripe when frost came, due to the unfavorable season of 1927.

THIS WEEK IN MO. HISTORY

The problem of the care and relief of Missouri's insane has always been one of great humanitarian importance, and the act establishing State Hospitals No. 4, at Farmington, is a noteworthy step in this program. It was on April 4, 1889 that this act was approved.

As early as 1847 Missouri had created its first State Hospital at Fulton. A second hospital was established at St. Joseph in 1872, and a third at Nevada in 1887. The state's facilities for the care of the insane were even then inadequate, so it was decided to erect a fourth hospital in the southeastern part of the State.

An appropriation of $150,000 was made for this hospital, and Farmington was selected as its site. A careful study of many institutions for the care of insane revealed that the grouping of large numbers of patients into a few large buildings prevented proper classification for treatment, and the lack of segregation was detrimental to the welfare of the papatients. As a result, it was planned to erect cottages capable of accommodating sixty persons each, the second story to be used for sleeping quarters and the first for living quarters. Dining halls were to be entirely independent of the cottages. Although this plan of operation is more expensive than the former it is far more desirable from the standpoint of the patient. A greater degree of individual care is possible and a more comfortable and home like atmosphere is naturally conducive to health, both mental and physical.

On January 7, 1903 the hospital was opened to patients. and in August one hundred and twenty were transferred from Hospital No. 1 at Fulton, in order to relieve the congestion there. Previous to that time seventy-one had already been received, so it began functioning almost immediately with a fair sized quota of patients. This number has steadily increased and there are now approximately 900.

The past few years have brought many improvements in the treatment of the insane, and the introduction of highly scientific methods has wrought many cures. Hydrotherapy, occupational therapy, violet ray, X-ray, and radium treatments combined with thorough and careful nursing result in an increasing percentage of patients discharged. Outdoor exercise and the enforecment of health habits are also advantageous. In every way possible it is intended to provide all the comforts of home life as well as the curative advantages of institutional care.

Because of its faovrable climatic location as well as its many other facilities this hospital was chosen by the national government as suitable for the care of ex-service men. Provision has also been made for the care of tubercular patients by the erection of a building separate from the others for their exclusive use.

There is a life that is worth living now as it was worth living in the former days, and that is the honest life, the useful life, the unselfish life, cleansed by devotion to an ideal. There is a battle that is worth fighting now as it was worth fighting then, and that is the battle for justice and equality; to make our city and our state free in fact as well as in name; to break the rings that strangle real liberty and keep them broken; to cleanse so far as in our power lies, the fountains of our national life from social, political and commercial corruption; to teach our sons and daughters, by precept and example, the honor of serving such a country as America—that is work worthy of the finest womanhood and manhood. The well-born are those who are born to do that work; the well bred are those who are bred to be proud of that work; the well-educated are those who see deepest into the meaning and necessity of that work. Nor shall their labor be for naught, nor the reward of their sacrifice fail them; for high in the firmament of human destiny are set the stars of faith in mankind, and unselfish courage and loyalty to the dead.—Henry Van Dyke.

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About the only thing the Senate is not investigating at present is the informatory double in auction bridge.—Arkansas Gazette.

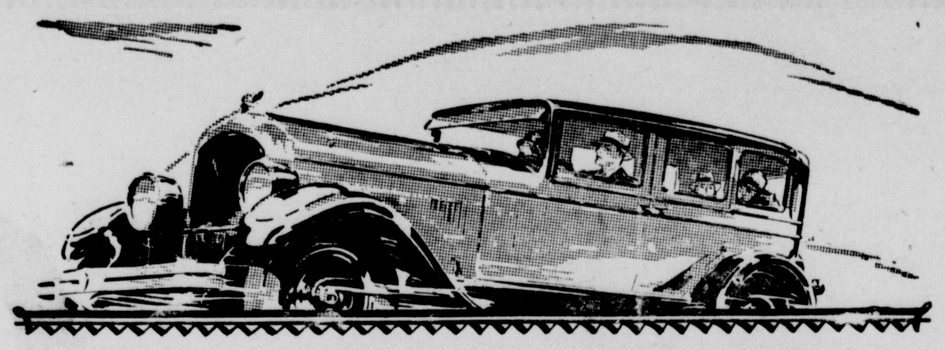
Any person who takes a paper regularly from the post office, whether directed to his name or another, or whether he has subscribed for it or not, is responsible for the pay. If a person orders his paper discontinued, he must pay all arrearages or the publisher may continue to send it until payment is made, and collect the whole amount, whether it is taken from the office or not. The courts have decided that refusing to take newspapers or periodicals from the post office or removing and leaving them uncalled for,is prima facie evidence of intentional fraud.—Missouri Publisher.

First-hand knowledge does not become second-hand when used.—Christian Science Monitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Randol Wilson and Mrs. Tom Allen motored to Cape Girardeau, Wednesday.

A movie star is said to have celebrated his tenth wedding anniversary recently, but of course it may have been the anniversary of his tenth wedding.—Detroit News.

The W. C. T. U. meeting celebrating Union Signal Day at the home of Mrs. John Young, was well attended and the program under the direction of Mrs. Harvey Morrison, was fine and very much enjoyed.



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72 miles and more per hour. 75 brake horsepower. Acceleration that leaves every other car behind. Vibrationless smoothness that only a Chrysler counterweighted 7-bearing crankshaft can give.

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New Chrysler "Red-Head" Engine—*designed to take full advantage of high-compression gas, giving 12% greater torque with greater speed, power, hill-climbing ability; standard equipment on all body models of the 112 h. p. Imperial "80," also standard on the roadsters, and available at slight extra cost for other body types, of the "62" and "72."*

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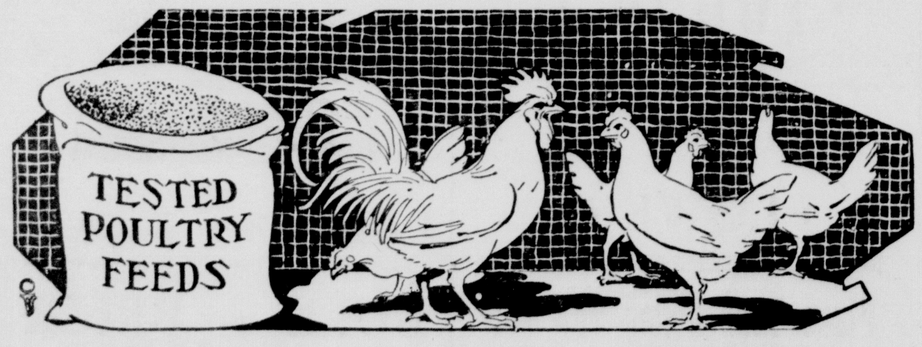

CLUCK! CLUCK! CLUCK!

The time is near at hand when you will want Gristo Starting Mash for your little chicks; Rolled Oats, Oat Groats, Chick Developer. Buttermilk Feeds of all kinds in 8⅓, 25, 50 and 100 pound packages. Samples of these feeds are on display at all the stores. If you have a cow double her milk flow by feeding Grist 24 per cent.

Scott County Milling Co., Sikeston, Mo.

Have More Money for Gasoline

Every car, no matter how much it cost in the first place, costs money to keep. There must be a few dollars for this and a few more for that; and, in many cases, what is left goes into the gas tank.

Now, you don't have to pay a great deal of money for a battery, for a really good battery, such as an Exide. The long, dependable service you get from this famous battery makes its cost low in the long run.

But you don't have to wait until the battery wears out to cash in on the low cost of Exide. You do that at the counter when you pay for it. For the first, as well as the final, cost is low.

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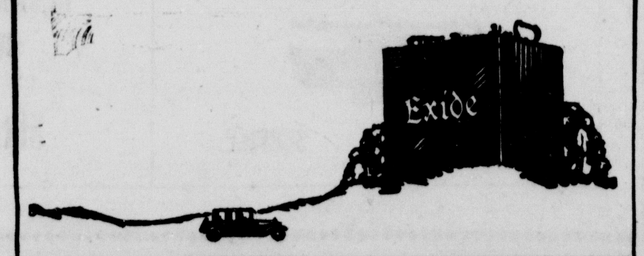

The Bat

A Novel from the Play

By
Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood

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"I think she knows more than she's telling. She's concealing something!" he said, with deadly intentness. "The nephew of the president of the Union bank—shot in his own house the day the bank has failed—that's queer enough—" Now he turned back to Miss Cornelia. "But when the only person present at his murder is the girl who's engaged to the guilty cashier!" he continued, watching Miss Cornelia's face as the full force of his words sank into her mind, "I want to know more about it!"

He stopped. His right hand moved idly over the edge of the table—halted

"I Think She Knows More Than She's Telling."

beside an ash tray—closed upon something.

Miss Cornelia arose.

"Is that true, Dale?" she said, sorrowfully.

Dale nodded. "Yes." She could not trust herself to explain at greater length.

Then Miss Cornelia made one of the most magnificent gestures of her life.

"Well, even if it is—what has that got to do with it?" she said, turning upon Anderson, fiercely, all her protective instinct for those whom she loved aroused.

Anderson seemed somewhat unimpressed by the fierceness of her query. When he went on, it was with less harshness in his manner.

"I'm not accusing this girl," he said, more gently. "But behind every crime there is a motive. When we've found the motive for this crime, we'll have found the criminal."

Unobserved, Dale's hand instinctively went to her bosom. There it lay—the motive—the precious fragment of blue-print which she had torn from Fleming's grasp but an instant before he was shot down. Once Anderson found it in her possession—the case was closed—the evidence against her overwhelming. She could not destroy it—it was the only clew to the hidden room and the truth that might clear Jack Bailey. But, somehow, she must hide it—get it out of her hands—before Anderson's third-degree methods broke her down or he insisted on a search of her person. Her eyes roved wildly about the room, looking for a hiding place.

The rain of Anderson's questions began anew.

"What papers did Fleming burn in that grate?" he asked abruptly, turning back to Dale.

"Papers!" she faltered.

"Papers! The ashes are still there."

Miss Cornelia made an unavailing interruption.

"Miss Ogden has said he didn't come into this room."

The detective smiled.

"I hold in my hand proof that he was in this room for some time," he said, coldly, displaying the half-burnt cigarette he had taken from the ash-tray a moment before.

"His cigarette—with his monogram on it." He put the fragment of tobacco and paper carefully away in an envelope and marched over to the fireplace. There he rummaged among the ashes for a moment, like a dog uncovering a bone. He returned to the center of the room with a fragment of blackened blue paper fluttering between his fingers.

"A fragment of what is technically known as a blue-print," he announced. "What were you and Richard Fleming doing with a blue-print?" His eyes bored into Dale's.

Dale hesitated—shut her lips.

"Now, think it over!" he warned. "The truth will come out, sooner or later! Better be frank now!"

"If he only knew how I wanted to be—he wouldn't be so cruel," thought Dale wearily. "But I can't—I can't!" Then her heart gave a throb of relief. Jack had come back into the room—Jack and Billy—Jack would protect her! But even as she thought of this, her heart sang again. Protect her, indeed! Poor Jack! He would find it hard enough to protect himself, if once this terrible man with the cold smile and steely eyes started questioning him.

Bailey made his report, breathlessly. "Nothing in the house, sir."

Billy's impassive lips confirmed him. "We go all over house—nobody!"

Nobody—nobody in the house! And yet—the mysterious ringing of the phone—the groans Miss Cornelia had heard! Were old wives' tales and witches' fables true, after all? Did a power—merciless—evil—exist, outside the barriers of the flesh—blasting that trembling flesh with a cold breath from beyond the portals of the grave? There seemed to be no other explanation.

"You men stay here!" said the detective. "I want to ask you some questions." He doggedly returned to his third-degreeing of Dale.

"Now what about this blue-print?" he queried sharply.

Dale stiffened in her chair. Her lies had failed. Now she would tell a portion of the truth—as much of it as she could without menacing Jack.

"I'll tell you just what happened," she began. "I sent for Richard Fleming—and when he came, I asked him if he knew where there were any blue-prints of the house."

The detective pounced eagerly upon her admission.

"Why did you want blue-prints?" he thundered.

"Because," Dale took a long breath, "I believe old Mr. Fleming took the money himself from the Union bank and hid it here."

"Where did you get that idea?"

"Because I'd heard there was a hidden room in this house."

The detective leaned forward intently.

"Did you locate that room?"

Dale hesitated.

"No."

"Then why did you burn the blue-prints?"

Dale's nerve was crumbling—breaking—under the repeated, monotonous impact of his questions.

"He burned them!" she cried wildly, "I don't know why!"

The detective paused an instant, then returned to a previous query.

"Then you didn't locate this hidden room?"

Dale's lips formed a pale "No."

"Did he?" went on Anderson, inexorably.

Dale stared at him, dully—the breaking point had come. Another question—another—and she would no longer be able to control herself. She would sob out the truth hysterically—that Brooks, the gardener, was Jack Bailey, the missing cashier—that the scrap of blue-print hidden in the bosom of her dress might unravel the secret of the hidden room—that—

But just as she felt herself, sucked of strength, beginning to slide toward a black, tingling pit of merciful oblivion, Miss Cornelia provided a diversion.

"What's that?" she said, in a startled voice, staring toward the French windows.

All eyes followed the direction of her stare. There was an instant of silence.

Then, suddenly, traveling swiftly from right to left, across the shades of the French windows, there appeared a glowing circle of brilliant white light. Inside the circle was a black, distorted shadow—a shadow like the shadow of a gigantic black bat! It was there—then a second later, it was gone!

"Oh, my God!" wailed Lizzie from her corner. "It's the Bat—that's his sign!"

Jack Bailey made a dash for the terrace door. But Miss Cornelia halted him, peremptorily.

"Wait, Brooks!" She turned to the detective. "Mr. Anderson, you are familiar with the sign of the Bat. Did that look like it?"

The detective seemed both puzzled and disturbed.

"Well—it looked like the shadow of a bat—I'll say that for it," he said, finally.

On the heels of his words the front door bell began to ring. All turned in the direction of the hall.

"I'll answer that!" said Jack Bailey, eagerly.

Miss Cornelia gave him the key of the front door.

"Don't admit anyone till you know who it is," she said. Bailey nodded, and disappeared into the hall.

There was the click of an opening door—the noise of a little scuffle—then men's voices raised in an angry dispute. "What do I know about a flash-light?" cried an irritated voice, "I haven't got a pocket-flash—take your hands off me!" Bailey's voice answered the other voice, grim, threatening. The scuffle resumed.

Then Doctor Wells burst suddenly into the room, closely followed by Bailey. The doctor's tie was askew—he looked ruffled and enraged. Bailey followed him, vigilantly, not quite sure whether to allow him to enter or not.

"My dear Miss Van Gorder," began the doctor in tones of high dudgeon. "Won't you instruct your servants that even if I do make a late call, I am not to be received with violence?"

"I asked you if you had a pocket-flash about you!" answered Bailey, indignantly. "If you call a question like that, violence—" He seemed about to restrain the doctor by physical force.

Miss Cornelia quelled the teacup-tempest.

"It's all right, Brooks," she said, taking the front-door key from his hand and putting it back on the table. She turned to Doctor Wells.

"You see, Doctor Wells," she explained, "just a moment before you rang the door-bell, a circle of white light was thrown on those window shades."

The doctor laughed, with a certain relief.

"Why, that was probably the search-light from my car!" he said. "I noticed as I drove up that it fell directly on that window."

Miss Cornelia was not entirely at ease.

"In the center of this ring of light," she proceeded, her eyes on the doctor's calm countenance, "was an almost perfect silhouette of a bat."

"A bat!" The doctor seemed at sea. "Ah, I see—the symbol of the criminal of that name." He laughed again.

"I think I can explain what you saw. Quite often my lamps collect insects at night—and a large moth, spread on the glass, would give precisely the effect you speak of. Just to satisfy you, I'll go out and take a look."

He turned to do so. Then he caught sight of the raincoat-covered huddle on the floor.

"Why . . ." he said, in a voice that mingled astonishment with horror. He paused. His glance slowly traversed the circle of silent faces.

CHAPTER VII

Billy Practices Jiu-Jitsu

"We have had a very sad occurrence here, Doctor," said Miss Cornelia, gently.

The doctor braced himself.

"Who?"

"Richard Fleming."

"Richard Fleming?" gasped the doctor, in tones of incredulous horror.

"Shot and killed from that staircase," said Miss Cornelia, tonelessly.

The doctor knelt beside the huddle on the floor. He removed the fold of the raincoat that covered the face of the corpse and stared at the dead, blank mask. Till a moment ago, even at the height of his irritation with Bailey, he had been blithe and offhand—a man who seemed comparatively young for his years. Now age seemed to fall upon him, suddenly, like a gray, clinging dust—he looked stricken and feeble under the impact of this unexpected shock.

"Shot and killed from that stairway," he repeated, dully. He rose from his knees and glanced at the fatal stairs. Then:

"What was Richard Fleming doing in this house at this hour?" he said.

He spoke to Miss Cornelia but Anderson answered the question.

"That's what I'm trying to find out," he said, with a saturnine smile.

The doctor gave him a look of astonished inquiry. Miss Cornelia remembered her manners.

"Doctor—this is Mr. Anderson."

"Headquarters," said Anderson, tersely, shaking hands.

Miss Cornelia addressed Doctor Wells.

"I didn't tell you, doctor—I sent for a detective this afternoon." Then, with mounting suspicion, "You happened in very opportunely!"

The doctor pulled himself together.

"After I left the Johnsons' I felt very uneasy," he explained. "I determined to make one more effort to get you away from this house. As this shows—my fears were justified!"

He shook his head, sadly. Miss Cornelia sat down. His last words had given her food for thought. She wanted to mull them over for a moment.

The doctor took out his handkerchief and began to mop his face, as if to wipe away some strain of mental excitement under which he was laboring. His breath came quickly—the muscles of his jaw stood out.

"Died instantly, I suppose?" he said, looking over at the body. "Didn't have time to say anything?"

"Ask the young lady," said Anderson, with a jerk of his head. "She was here when it happened."

The doctor gave Dale a feverish glance of inquiry.

"He just fell over," said the latter pitifully. Her answer seemed to relieve the doctor of some unseen weight on his mind. He drew a long breath, and turned back toward Fleming's body with comparative calm.

"Mr. Anderson," he said, with dignified pleading, "I ask you to use your influence to see that these two ladies find some safer spot than this for the night."

Lizzie bounced up from her chair, instanter.

"Two?" she wailed. "If you know any safe spot, lead me to it!"

The doctor overlooked her sudden eruption into the scene. He wandered back again toward the huddle under the raincoat, as if still unable to believe that it was—or rather had been—Richard Fleming.

Miss Cornelia spoke suddenly, in a low voice, without moving a muscle of her body.

"I have a strange feeling that I'm being watched by unfriendly eyes," she said.

Lizzie clutched at her across the table.

"I wish the lights would go out again!" she pattered. "No, I don't either!" as Miss Cornelia gave the clutching hand a nervous little slap.

During the little interlude of comedy, Billy, the Japanese, unwatched by the others, had stolen to the French windows, pulled aside a blind, looked out. When he turned back to the room, his face had lost a portion of its oriental calm—there was suspicion in his eyes. Softly, under cover of pretending to arrange the tray of food that lay untouched on the table, he possessed himself of the

Pulled Aside a Blind and Looked Out.

key of the front door, unperceived by the rest, and slipped out of the room like a ghost.

Meanwhile the detective confronted Doctor Wells.

"You say, doctor, that you came back to take these women away from the house. Why?"

The doctor gave him a dignified stare.

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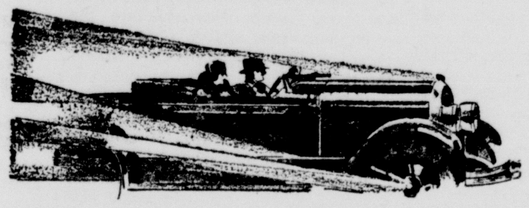

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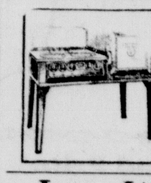

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The Bat

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"Miss Van Gorder has already explained."

Miss Cornelia elucidated. "Mr. Anderson has already found a theory of the crime," she said with a trace of sarcasm in her tones.

The detective turned on her quickly. "I haven't said that." He started.

It had come again—tinkling—persistent—the phone-call from nowhere—the ringing of the bell of the house telephone!

"The house telephone—again!" breathed Dale. Miss Cornelia made a movement to answer the tinkling, inexplicable bell. But Anderson was before her.

"I'll answer that!" he barked. He sprang to the phone.

"Hello—hello—"

All eyes were bent on him, nervously—the doctor's face, in particular, seemed a very study in fear and amazement. He clutched the back of a chair to support himself—his hand was the trembling hand of a sick, old man.

"Hello—hello—" Anderson swore impatiently. He hung up the phone.

"There's nobody there!"

Again a chill breath from another world than ours seemed to brush across the faces of the little group in the living room.

A light came into Anderson's eyes. "Where's that Jap?" he almost shouted.

"He just went out," said Miss Cornelia. The cold fear—the fear of the unearthly—subsided from around Dale's heart—leaving her shaken, but more at peace.

The detective turned swiftly to the doctor, as if to put his case before the eyes of an unprejudiced witness.

"That Jap rang the phone," he said, decisively. "Miss Van Gorder believes that this murder is the culmination of the series of mysterious happenings that caused her to send for me. I do not."

"Then what is the significance of the anonymous letters?" broke in Miss Cornelia heatedly. "Of the man Lizzie saw going up the stairs, of the attempt to break into this house—of the ringing of that telephone bell?"

Anderson replied with one deliberate word.

"Terrorization," he said.

The doctor moistened his dry lips in an effort to speak.

"By whom?" he asked.

Anderson's voice was an icicle.

"I imagine, by Miss Van Gorder's own servants. By that woman there," he pointed at Lizzie, who rose indignontly to deny the charge. But he gave her no time for denial. He rushed on, "who probably writes the letters," he continued. "By the gardener," his pointing finger found Bailey, "who may have been the man Lizzie saw slipping up the stairs. By the Jap, who goes out and rings the telephone," he concluded triumphantly.

Miss Cornelia seemed unimpressed by his fervor.

"With what object?" she queried smoothly.

"That's what I'm going to find out!" There was determination in Anderson's reply.

Miss Cornelia sniffed "Absurd! The butler was in his room when the telephone rang for the first time."

The thrust pierced Anderson's armor. For once he seemed at a loss Here was something he had omitted from his calculations. But he did not give up. He was about to retort when—crash! thud!—the noise of a violent struggle in the hall outside drew all eyes to the hall door.

An instant later, the door slammed open, and a disheveled young man in evening clothes was catapulted into the living room as if slung there by a giant's arm. He tripped and fell to the floor in the center of the room. Billy stood in the doorway behind him, inscrutable, arms folded, on his face an expression of mild satisfaction as if he were demurely pleased with a neat piece of housework, neatly carried out.

The young man picked himself up, brushed off his clothes, sought for his hat, which had rolled under the table. Then he turned on Billy furiously.

"D—n you—what do you mean by this?"

"Jiu-jitsu," said Billy, his yellow face quite untroubled. "Pretty good stuff. Found on terrace with searchlight," he added.

"With searchlight?" barked Anderson.

The young man turned to face his new enemy.

"Well, why shouldn't I be on the terrace with a searchlight?" he demanded.

The detective moved toward him, menacingly.

"Who are you?"

"Who are you?" said the young man, with cool impertinence, giving him stare for stare.

Anderson did not deign to reply, in so many words. Instead he displayed the police badge which glittered on the inside of the right lapel of his coat.

The young man examined it coolly.

"H'm," he said. "Very pretty—nice neat design—very chaste!" He took out a cigarette case and opened it, seemingly entirely unimpressed by both the badge and Anderson. The detective chafed.

"If you've finished admiring my badge," he said with heavy sarcasm, I'd like to know what you were doing down on the terrace."

The young man hesitated—shot an odd, swift glance at Dale who, ever since his abrupt entrance into the room, had been sitting rigid in her chair with her hands clenched tightly together.

"I've had some trouble with my car, down the road," he said finally. He glanced at Dale again. "I came to ask if I might telephone."

"Did it require a searchlight to find the house?" Miss Cornelia asked suspiciously.

"Look here," the young man blustered, "why are you asking me all these questions?" He tapped his cigarette case with an irritated air.

"What's your name?" Anderson said sternly.

"Beresford—Reginald Beresford," said the young man sulkily. "If you doubt it—I've probably got a card somewhere—" He began to run through his pockets.

"What's your business?" went on the detective.

"What's my business here?" queried the young man, obviously fencing with his interrogator.

"No—how do you earn your living?" said Anderson sharply.

"I don't," said the young man flippantly. "I may have to begin now, if that is of any interest to you. As a matter of fact, I've studied law, but—"

The one word was enough to start Lizzie off on another trail of distrust. "He may be a lawyer—" she quoted to herself sepulchrally, from the evening newspaper article that had dealt with the mysterious identity of the Bat.

"And you came here to telephone about your car?" persisted the detective.

Dale rose from her chair, with a hopeless little sigh.

"Oh, don't you see—he's trying to protect me," she said wearily. She turned to the young man. "It's no use, Mr. Beresford."

Beresford's air of flippancy vanished.

"I see," he said. He turned to the others, frankly. "Well, the plain truth is—I didn't know the situation—and I thought I'd play safe for Miss Ogden's sake."

Miss Cornelia moved over to her niece, protectingly. She put a hand on Dale's shoulder, to reassure her, and turned to Anderson calmly.

"He doesn't know anything about—this," she said, indicating Beresford. "He brought Mr. Fleming here in his car—that's all."

Anderson looked at Beresford for confirmation.

"Is that true?"

"Yes," said Beresford. He started to explain. "I got tired of waiting and so I—"

The detective broke in curtly.

"All right."

He took a step toward the alcove.

"Now, doctor." He nodded at the huddle beneath the raincoat. Beresford followed his glance—and saw the ominous heap for the first time.

"What's that?" he said tersely. No one answered him. The doctor was already on his knees beside the body drawing the raincoat gently aside Beresford stared at the shape thus revealed with frightened eyes. The color left his face.

"That's not—Dick Fleming—is it?" he said thickly.

Anderson slowly nodded his head Beresford seemed unable to believe his eyes.

"If you've looked over the ground said the doctor in a low voice to Anderson, "I'll move the body where we can have a better light." His right hand fluttered swiftly over Fleming's still, clenched fist—extracted from it a torn corner of paper. . . .

Still Beresford did not seem to be able to take in what had happened He took another step toward the body

"Do you mean to say that Dick Fleming—" he began. Anderson silenced him with an uplifted hand.

"What have you got there, Doctor?" he said in a still voice.

The doctor, still on his knees beside the corpse, lifted his head.

"What do you mean?"

"You took something, just then, out of Fleming's hand," said the detective.

"I took nothing out of his hand," said the doctor firmly.

Anderson's manner grew peremptory.

"I warn you not to obstruct the course of justice!" he said, forcibly. "Give it here!"

The doctor rose, slowly, dusting off his knees. His eyes tried to meet Anderson's and failed. He produced a torn corner of blue-print.

"Why, it's only a scrap of paper—nothing at all," he said, evasively.

Anderson looked at him meaningly.

"Scraps of paper are sometimes very important," he said, with a side glance at Dale.

The doctor motioned nervously.

"As the coroner—if Mr. Anderson is satisfied—I suggest that the body be taken where I can make a thorough examination," he said haltingly.

Once more Anderson bent over the shell that had been Richard Fleming. He turned the body half over—let it sink back on its face. For a moment he glanced at the corner of the blue-print in his hand—then at the doctor. Then he stood aside.

"All right," he said laconically.

So Richard Fleming left the room where he had been struck down so suddenly and strangely—borne out by Beresford, the doctor and Jack Bailey. The little procession moved as swiftly and softly as circumstances would permit—Anderson followed its passage with watchful eyes. For perhaps a dozen ticks of time, Dale was left unwatched—and she made the most of her opportunity.

Her fingers fumbled at the bosom of her dress—she took out the precious, dangerous fragment of blue-print that Anderson must not find in her possession—but where to hide it, before her chance had passed? Her eyes fell on the bread roll from the detective's supper-tray, that had fallen to the floor when Lizzie had seen her gleaming eye on the stairs and had lain there unnoticed ever since. She bent over swiftly and secreted the tantilizing scrap of blue paper in the body of the roll, smoothing the crust back above it with trembling fingers. Then she replaced the roll where it had fallen originally, and straightened up just as Billy and the detective both returned.

Billy went immediately to the tray, picked it up, and started to go out again. Then he noticed the roll on the floor, stooped for it and replaced it upon the tray. He looked at Miss Cornelia for instructions.

"Take that tray out to the dining room," she said mechanically. But Anderson's attention had already been drawn to the tiny incident.

"Wait—I'll look at that tray," he said briskly. Dale, her heart in her mouth, watched him examine the knives, the plates, even shake out the napkin to see that nothing was hidden in its folds. At last he seemed satisfied.

"All right—take it away," he commanded. Billy nodded, and vanished toward the dining room with tray and roll. Dale breathed again.

The sight of the tray had made Miss Cornelia's thoughts return to practical affairs.

"Lizzie," she commanded now, "go out in the kitchen and make some coffee. I'm sure we all need it," she sighed.

Lizzie bristled at once.

"Go out in that kitchen alone?"

"Billy's there," said Miss Cornelia wearily.

The thought of Billy seemed to bring little solace to Lizzie's heart.

"That Jap and his Jewy-jitsu," she muttered viciously. "One twist and I'd be folded up like a pretzel!"

But Miss Cornelia's manner was imperative—and Lizzie slowly dragged herself kitchenward, yawning and promising the saints repentance of every sin she had or had not committed if she were allowed to get there without something grabbing at her ankles in the dark corner of the hall.

When the door had shut behind her, Anderson turned to Dale, the corner of blue-print which he had taken from the doctor in his hand.

"Now, Miss Odgen," he said tensely, "I have here a scrap of blue-print which was in Dick Fleming's hand when he was killed. I'll trouble you for the rest of it, if you please!"

"The rest of it?" queried Dale, with a show of bewilderment, silently thanking her stars that, for the moment, at least, the incriminating fragment had passed out of her possession.

Her reply seemed only to infuriate the detective.

"Don't tell me Fleming started to go out of this house with a blank scrap of paper in his hand," he threatened "He didn't start to go out at all!"

Dale rose. Was Anderson trying a chance shot in the dark—or had he stumbled upon some fresh evidence against her? She could not tell from his manner.

"Why do you say that?" she feinted

"His cap's there on the table," said the detective with crushing terseness Dale started. She had not remembered the cap—why hadn't she burned it—concealed it—as she had concealed the blue-print? She passed a hand over her forehead, wearily.

Miss Cornelia watched her niece.

"If you're keeping anything back Dale—tell him," she said.

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From the Saturday Evening Post story by Wallace Irwin.

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HOT COMEDY

The first reel of the comedy which was to have been shown at the Malone Theatre was burned at the afternoon showing. The film caught from the powerful light which was be hind it, burning only inside the machine. Fire did not have a chance to go further as the booth is fireproof. Another comedy was obtained for tonight's show.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

Mrs. R. M. Biennert and children spent the week-end visiting her mother, Mrs. Rosamond, at St. Marys.

Mrs. John Shoulders left Saturday for Tulsa, Oklahoma, to visit her nephew, Harold McGee and family.

Mrs. P. J. Kimner, who has been spending the winter in Chicago with her sister, stopped here a couple of weeks to visit her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Harrison, before going to Washing to spend the summer with her son, Frank Beasley and family.

Presiding Elder Brown of the Poplar Bluff District filled the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday morning.

J. W. Sarff left Sunday for St. Louis, where he will go to work Monday as superintendent of an Asphalt Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fisher and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Boone, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Edwards entertained four tables of bridge last Thursday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sarff, who are leaving for St. Louis. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. John Himmelberger, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bienert, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Reynolds, Dr. and. Mrs I. H. Dunaway, Frank Zillmer and Mrs. Josie Hart.

Hilary Boone received the first new Ford in Morehouse Saturday, a tudor sedan, which is attracting a lot of attention.

Miss Mary Frances Harrison of Cape Girardeau spent Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Harrison.

Only four teams were present to take part in the New Madrid County Tournament in Morehouse Friday and Saturday of last week. The games were close, however, and a very successful tournament was had. Morehouse won first place and had two players on the county all-star team. Portageville won second, Marston third and Matthews fourth.

Mrs. C. E. Brenton, who has been ill, is improving, we are glad to report.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kendall and little daughter, Emily, are moving from Wewoka, Okla., to Seminole, Okla., where Ed will be in charge of a plant. As this is a promotion for Ed, their many friends are pleased to hear of the change.

Miss Margaret Happel and little daughter of St. Louis will arrive this afternoon for a visit with Mrs. Jas. Kevil. Mrs. Happel's mother, Mrs. Everett Woods, who has been spending the winter in Florida, will arrive about Thursday. She will visit here a few days before returning to her home in St. Louis.

Among the many from Sikeston to attend the picture show in Cape Girardeau Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Randol Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Matthews, Mrs. Bess Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Morrison, Misses Ella and Della Harper, John Welter, Clarence Vogelsang, Charles Blanton and Miss Catherine Smith.

EMERGENCY HOSPITAL FILLED —ALL PATIENTS IMPROVING

The Emergency Hospital is filled again with its six beds occupied. All of the patients are improving.

Mrs. C. L. J. Bohn, of Memphis, Tenn., who suffered a dislocated collar bone in a car accident here last week, is expected to return to her home Wednesday.

Jack Shuppert underwent an operation for appendicities Monday morning.

Mrs. Lucy Acord underwent a major operation Friday morning and Mrs. A. A. Givens a major operation Thursday night.

Franklin Strewe, who was operated on recenlty, is improving and Mrs Steve Schroff, who underwent a major operation last Monday, is expected to go home in about another week.

TWENTY TO TRACK MEET

About twenty members of the boys' and girls' track squads of the Sikeston High School will go to Charleston Friday to meet the Charleston teams in a duel meet. A list of those making the trip has not been made out yet. Several on each squad are out with minor injuries and Margaret Whidden, who has been showing up well in the girls' events recently, is in bed with the measles.

Wm. Stubblefield of St. Louis spent Sunday in Sikeston, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore.

Miss Caroline Hess returned home from Arkansas, where she has been conducting a Sunday School Teachers' Training School.

INSURANCE MAN HELD FOR MELLEY DEATH

Basing their verdict on circumstantial evidence, a Coroner's jury Saturday ordered Alphonse Indelicato, an insurance agent, held without bond, following an inquest into the death of Mrs. Pearl Melley, 30, who was found murdered in the kitchen of her home in St. Louis Wednesday afternoon.

Funeral services for Mrs. Melley, who is a sister of Mrs. J. M. Pitman, of Sikeston, were held at Keens, Ill., Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Pitman attended. Mrs. Melley was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Solomon of Kennett and formerly lived there.

Mrs. Melley was found brutally murdered with a hatchet, her head split open, when her husband, Joseph Melley, returned from his work as a peddler, Wednesday afternoon, to find the front and back doors of the house locked, but a window on the back porch open.

The police were at first baffled as to the cause of the murder as no attempt had been made to rob the house and Mrs. Melley was not known to have enemies, nor was her husband. However, it was learned that heavy insurance had been taken out on the life of Mrs. Melley and an investigation was started which led to the arrest of Indelicato.

At the inquest Saturday officers testified they searched Indelicato's office and found two insurance policies for a total of $7500 on Mrs. Melley's life, with her husband, Joseph, as beneficiary. On one of the policies the detectives found Mrs. Melley's address given as 900 La Salle Building, which is Indelicato's office.

Questioned by the detectives Indelicao said the policies were sold to Mrs. Melley by a subagent, and the premiums were paid by her husband, and the two policies found in his offices had been brought to him for safe keeping.

Indelicato's statement was contradicted by Melley and the subagent, Otto Capraro, 914 Wash street. Capraro said he had tried to sell insurance to Mrs. Melley, but she refused. "If anyone wrote policies for Mrs. Melley it must have been Indelicato", Capraro said.

Three witnesses testified they saw Indelicato at Mrs. Melley's home during the afternoon.

The name Melley is also spelled Meli, police reported.

ARE MARRIED HERE

Hampton Mason and Mary Seabaugh, both of Sikeston, were married by Justice W. S. Smith here Saturday afternoon. The bride, who is under the legal age, had the consent of her parents for the marriage.

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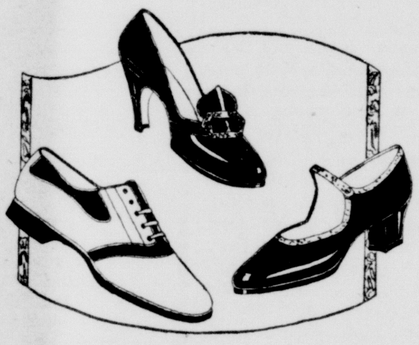

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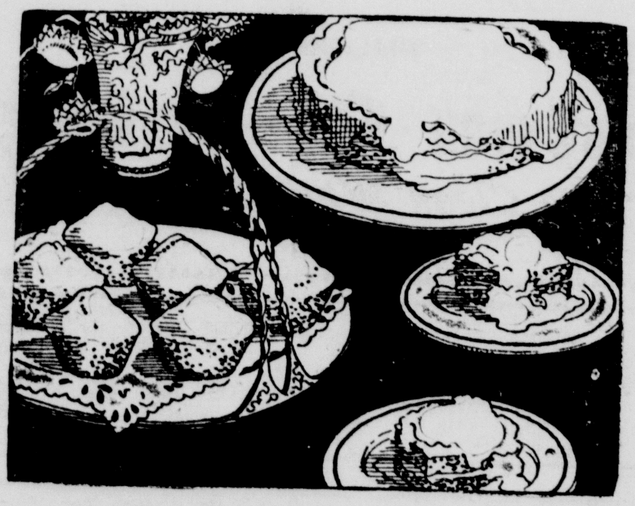

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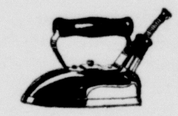

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The W. C. T. U. held a district meeting at Benton Monday. Mrs. Rowena Shaner of Jackson, was one of the speakers. Among those present from Sikeston were: Mesdames J. A. Hess, Emma Kendall, W. E. Hollingsworth, M. J. Thomas J. L. Tanner, Tanner Dye, Calvin Greer, John Young and Miss Sadie Emory.

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If I were boss I would like to say:
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I'd look for a man, or a girl, or boy
Whose heart would leap with a thrill of joy
At a word of praise, and I'd pass it out
Where the crowd could hear as I walked about.
If I were boss I would like to find
The fellow whose work is the proper kind;
And whenever to me a good thing came
I'd ask to be told the toiler's name,
And I'd go to him, and I'd pat his back
And I'd say, "That was perfectly splendid, Jack.
Now a bit of praise isn't much to give,
But it's dear to the hearts of all who live;
And there is never a man on this good old earth
But is glad to be told that he's been of worth,
And a kindly word, when the work is fair,
Is welcome and wanted everywhere.
If I were boss I am sure I should
Say a kindly word whenever I could;
For a man who has given his best by day
Wants a little more than his weekly pay.
He likes to know, with the setting sun,
That his boss is pleased with the work he's done.
—Anon

GEORGIA, YOUNGEST OF COLONIES, ONLY 43 YEARS OLD AT TIME OF WAR

At the time of the signing of the Declaration of Independence at Philadelphia, Georgia was the thirteenth and youngest colony She was then only 43 years old.

As early as the sixteenth century the Spaniard's foot had trodden her soil, and in 1717 a Scotsman's pen had extolled her as the "most aniable country of the universe, lying in the same latitude as Palestine, the promised Canaan herself". But not till 1733, a year after the birth of George Washington, did Sir James Oglethorpe, philanthropic member of parliament, with some 120 worthy but unfortunate English debtors, seek out, under a royal charter, this promised Canaan as a refuge for the persecuted. Soon came also carefully chosen religious refugees—Portuguese Jews from England, pious Lutheran Saizburgers and Moravians from Germany: Swiss, Scottish Highlanders, Quakers and a few French Huguenots. Thus Georgia early acquired a poor but substantial cosmopolitan population.

Georgia reveres the memory of her founder, Oglethorpe. Already a general, when he returned to England after Irmly establishing the colony he became lieutenant general, and at the beginning of the Revolution was offered the position of commander-in-chief of the British forces in America, an honor which he declined, as his sympathies were with the colonies.

For the first twenty years, in spite of goodly acreage inducement, progress was retarded by the ineffectual but persistent efforts of the trustees to make of Georgia a silk producing colony, and by their restrictions (in Georgia alone of all the colonies) against slave holding and traffic in rum. With the removal of these restrictions, there flowed in from Virginia and the Carolinas a literal tide of prosperous and cultured immigrants, coming with their slaves to find further riches in the fertile soil of Georgia. Strangely, among those first attractions was a band of Congregationalists of South Carolina who had been originally from Massachusetts, which in after years so violently espoused abolition. These were among the largest slave owners of the colony, and soon their prosperity was excelled only by their culture and patriotism. Georgia grew apace.

Under the three royal governors, the forts were strengthened; the friendly relations with the Indians so auspiciously inaugurated by Oglethorpe and Chief Tomochichi were cemented, a friendship which signally endured throughout the French and Indian War, the Cherokee War, and even the Revolution. Additional territory was acquired. Rice and indigo plantations enriched their owners. Corn was largely grown and cotton to a lesser extent. There was an active livestock industry, and a thriving foreign commerce had sprung up, Charles R. Crisp, representative in congress from Georgia, writes in the National Republic.

Georgia was not represented in the first continental congress, and the three delegates irregularly elected to the second congress were not qualified to attend, whereupon the indignant, liberty loving Massachusetts Congregationalists, acting independently, sent as a delegate Dr. Lyman Hall, who, however, could not vote. Georgia was violently criticiszed by her sister colonies for her laggard attitude towards the new cause of liberty, but there was much justification. She had less to complain of than the other colonies. Peace reigned within her borders, her commerce was increasing and prosperity was beginning to smile. She had not New England's ancient cause for enmity towards England. The mother country had been good to her. Less than ifty years before, she had given Georgia to Georgians as a refuge, grantsof land and money had been liberal, the royal governors had not been oppressive and the wise administration of her early Revolutionary governor, James Wright, did much to prevent dissatisfaction.

Many of the older citizenry long remained Loyalists, while frequently their own sons became arden Whigs. The "Liberty Boys" sprang up in Georgia and fanned the flame kindled in Tondee's tavern in Savannah, in 1774, into an ever spreading conflagration of patriotism and, while Georgia did not formally cast her lot with the cause of independence until early in 1776, prior to that time Georgians had actively resisted the stamp act and the military act; had elected Benjamin Franklin to represent their rights in England; had openly opposed and arrested the royal governor; had sent 600 barrels of rice to Boston upon the closing of her port; had attempted unsuccessfully to send delegates to the continental congress; had broken open the powder magazine at Savananh and seized 600 pounds of powder for the colonial cause; had defiantly "celebrated" the king's birthday;had made the first naval capture of the Revolution—that of a British ship and her cargo of powder, and had elected a president and commander-in-chief.

In 1776 Georgia elected five delegates to the third Continental congress, and in the same year the Georgians, George Walton, Button Gwinnet and Lyman Hall signed the Declaration of Independence. Early in 1777 the first constitution of the state of Georgia was adopted, and this Georgia became the last but not least of the "Free and Independent States of America". Once in, in no state was patriotism, both in men and women, more manifest.

The men who represented Georgia in the Continental congress truly reflected the varied character of the people of that state at that time. Edward Langworthy was the only Georgian born, Jospeh Wood was a native of Pennsylvania, Lyman Hall of Connecticut, George Walton of Virginia and Nathan Brownson was of an undeterminable northern colony. Two were doctors, one a teacher, two bore arms in the Revolution and all, with one exception, were planters. Of the five, George Walton and Dr. Lyman Hall were most noteworthy, not only because they were signers of the Declaration of Independence, but because of their patriotic activities and the positions of honor to which they attained in their state and in the confederation.

Dr. Hall, a Yale graduate, was a young physician of Connecticut. He joined the Massachusetts Congregationalists in the South and soon became a successful doctor and planter. A leader in all patriotic activities, he had the distinction of being sent by his parish as a delegate to the second Continental congress when Georgia as a whole declined representation in it. He was active in all public and educational enterprises of his state, served constructively one term as governor and then retired to the practice of medicine.

Waltonwas Georgia's most distinguished representative in congress. A Virginia orphan, he came early to Georgia, studied law and was ustiring in his efforts to convert the state to the cause of liberty. He signed and later assisted in revising the Articles of Confederation. He was six times a representative in congress, twice governor, once a United States senator, chief justice of Georgia, and four times judge of the superior courts

Nathan Brownson, like Dr. Hall, was a Yale graduate, planter and doctor. He was a surgeonin the Continental army, twice a delegate to congress, once governor, conspicuous in both house and senate of the state and one of the original trustees appointed for the establishment of the State university.

Joseph Wood, originally a Pennsylvanian, became one of the most arden advocates of Georgi's complete affiliation with the cause of liberty, earned a colonelcy in the 2d Pennsylvania regiment in the Revolution, and was twice elected to the Continental congress.—K. C. Times.

Louisiana—Completion of Champ Clark bridge here expected by April 1.

Candidate Lowden is to date the only politician sufficiently frank and courageous to permit a picture to be taken of himself alongside a bull.—Marshall County (Minn.) Banner.

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BABY RUN OVER TWICE BY TRUCK

Doniphan, March 30.—Although the two-year-old son of J. W. McCarthy was run over twice by his father's truck several days ago, he is recovering. It is considered a very unusual accident. The father saw his son on the porch at the home near here. He started backing the truck into position to unload some dirt. The child ran out and was knocked down. One of the front wheels passed over his body. McCarthy then started to drive forward and the wheel passed over the child's abdomen again. Although the baby was in a serious condition for a day or two, he is getting along nicely and is not expected to suffer any more serious results from the accident.

Utopia is a place where they would accidentally get one of those Teapot Dome boys into jail on a technicality.—Detroit News.

They say that the Democratic party will present a unified front this year. Now it only remains to persuade the front and the back to travel in the same direction.—San Diego Union.

The Atlanta Constitution says there'll never be a monument to an unknown politician. Still, if they ever find a politician admitting he's unknown, he'll be worth a monument.—Arkansas Gazette.

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE

Washington. D. C., March 29.—"The attitude of stand-pat Republican administration leaders and defenders toward the Teapot Dome scandal is illustrated by the following editorial statement of the New York Herald-Tribune on Thursday,March 22", says a statement issued by the Democratic National Congressional Committee today". "In its editorial, this administration apologist said:

" 'The Senate spends a large part of its time in considering resolutions to investigate and annay able Americans doing their day's work. Another portion goes to oil slinging'.

"To properiy appreciate the attitude of this, the chief newspaper organ of the Coolidge administration, it should be remembered that one of itsprincipal owners is Ogden L. Mills. Mr. Mills is the defeated Republican candidate for Governor of New York in 1926. He is now Undersecretary of the Treasury, and therefore first assistant and chief adviser to Secretary Mellon. Among newspaper men who 'cover' the Treasury Department, it is general knowledge that it is Mr. Mills who writes most of Mr. Mellon's reports and political statements, and that it was he who wrote Mr. Mellon's belated letter to Senator Walsh, of Montana, of the Senate oil investigating committee, when the latter by accident discovered that $50,000 of the Sinclair Liberty Bonds were in Mr. Mellon's possession about the time he gave $50,000 at the solicitation of Will H. Hays to help clear up the Republican deficit hanging over from the campaign of 1920. In that letter, Mr. Mellon admitted that he for a time had Sinclaiir bonds in his possession. but returned them to the former Republican Chairman, Will H. Hays.

"In deploring the annoying of 'able Americans', the Herald-Tribune neglected to mention the names of any of those who have been worried by the Senate investigators. Among them may be mentioned former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall, who traded the oil reserves and received in return large sums of money and Government bonds. Another of the 'able Americans' who have been 'annoyed" is Edwin L. Doheny, and another is Will H. Hays, the former Chairman of the Republican National Committee, who got $160,000 of the Continental Trading Company bonds from Sinclair and distributed them out among 'able' Republicans to cover fake contributions to the Republican deficit. Mr. Secretary Mellon, who had some of these bonds in his possession, but kept silent about them for four years while the Senate Committee was trying to locate the crooked profits of the corrupt bargain, was another of the 'able Americans' who has been annoyed. Another is William M. Butler, present Chairman of the Republican National Committee, who was offered some of the bonds, but whose puritanical conscience prohibited him from either accepting the bonds, inquiring about them, or telling the Senate, of which he was a Member while the investigation was in progress, anything about them. Former Secretary of the Navy Denby, and his assistant Secretary, young Theodore Roosevelt, are other 'able Americans' whom the Senate investigators have annoyed, and it is not beyond reason to imaginethat even President Coolidge, some of whose closest political and personal friends have been damaged by the smear of Teapot Dome oil, has been somewhat annoyed at the persistence of the Senate in uncovering dirty deals inside his political family. As for the responsibility of the Republican party, under its present leadership, for the oil scandals, this recent Senate utterance by Senator Borah, Republican, is in sharp contrast with the Herald-Tribune's fit of peevishness over annoyance caused 'able Americans':

" 'Every dollar of this money (obtained by Chairman Hays from Sinclair) went into its treasury in order to satisfy the debt of the Republican Party. * * * It paid the Republican debt and if the Republican party retains it and refuses to repudiate the transaction, it becomes morally responsible for it from the beginning to the end. There is no escape from this conclusion. We cannot remain silent and remain free from guilt".

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Inbreeding of animals, in the opinion of experts in the United States Department of Agriculture, is one of the most effective practices in the improvement of livestock. However, unless directed with skill and understanding and followed by intelligent selection of the progeny, inbreeding may have undesirable consequences. Inbreeding should be practiced only by the most skillful breeders, and by them only when they have definite knowledge of the ancestry of the animals involved. The purchaser of inbred males, however, need have no fear of using them if they are superior representatives of the breed. As a matter of fact he should prefer inbred males to others. especially if they are not related to his females, because they are more nearly pure in their hereditary make-up, and for that reason are more likely to reproduce themselves with uniformity. They should be sold under a guaranty of replacement if they do not breed. It is a general rule that inbred animals when bred to unrelated one, even though the latter are themselves inbred, produce offspring larger and more vigorous than either parent.

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WORKMAN'S COMMISSION HAS HEARING AT BENTON ON CASE

The Workman's Compensation Commission, meeting at Benton Friday in the case of Henry Banks vs the U. G. I. Construction Company ruled in favor of Banks. Banks was scalded last July while working for the company which is constructing the bridge at Cape Girardeau.

Orren Wilson, who represented Banks at the hearing, says:

"The Commission ruled that, when an employee was injured he should be given medical treatment at once.

"And if employee had to secure his medical attention, that the employer should pay the same; and that after the services of a physician had been obtained by the employee, then in that event he was not bound to release his former doctor and to be compelled to accept, the services of the Company physician.

"This informal conference, will clearify the Commission's position in matters of this character".

"SOFT LIVING" DUE HERE FOR SHOWING

"Soft Living", a Fox Films production, which comes to the Malone Theatre for a once day run Wednesday, is a racy comedy-drama in which Madge Bellamy gives ones of the best performances of her career.

During the past year Miss Bellamy has risen to the heights as one of the most beautiful and refreshing little comediennes of the silversheet. In each new production she gives out new and scintillating lights to her vivacious personality.

She is cast as Nancy Woods, a secretary of a famous attorney and she secures her weekly check on the lawyer's reapings of alimony from unfortunate husbands. Nancy finally comes to the conclusion that she would like the entire check of some cast-off husband for herself.

She marries Stockney Webb, a millionaire lumber king and thinks she will have soft living from then on. But Webb is wise to her game and the situations from then on are novel and hilarious, and finally comes to a dramatic climax when Nancy discovers that it is her husband she loves and not his money.

Johnny Mack Brown is cast in the lead with Miss Bellamy and by his performance promises to be one of next season's most promising leading men. In the supporting cast, who give excellent portrayals are: Mary Duncan, Joyce Compton, Henry Kolker. James Tinling directed.

MRS. LINDELL PEARMAN DIES

Funeral services for Mrs. Lyndell Pearman, who died last Monday, were held at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Bonne Terre, Wednesday. Interment was in the Catholic Cemetery. Mr. Pearman is a graduate of Sikeston High School. He and his family moved from here several years ago.

Pleasant Hill—18-foot concrete slab to be built northward out of here to Jackson County line this summer.

"BARBED WIRE" GREATER THAN "HOTEL IMPERIAL"

A new Pola Negri, mighty in a role that permits her to give full sway to her talents as the pre-eminent emotional actress of the screen will be seen here Thursday when Enrich Pommer's newset production for Paramount, "Barbed Wire", opens at the Malone Theatre for a one-day run.

The great tragedienne plays Mona, a Normandy farm girl who, in spite of her bitter hatred of war-time Germany and its people, falls in love with Oskar, a German prisoner in a French camp near her home. The play, in one sense, is not a "war picture"; it is rather a tremendous story of the back-currents of the war, an angle never before approached.

The girl Mona, as played by Pola Negri, is elemental, vital, intensely human. She is supported by a cast ideally chosen and back of the picture is a production staff of the keenest minds in the motionpicture industry.

The photoplay was adapted from Hall Caine's great novel, "The Woman of Knockaloe", the book that created a sensation when it appeared and brought its author even more to the forefront as one of England's leading men of letters.

Clive Brook, Paramount featured player, has the role of Oskar, the German prisoner, and he brings to the part the sympathy and understanding gained through his own five years of suffering at the front with British forces. Einar Hanson, the young Swedish actor, plays the part of the Brother, a central character in the story. Claude Gillingwater, veteran character actor, plays the Father, Gustav von Seyffertitz plays the villain, the Neighbor, Charles Lane and Clyde Cook, have important parts.

"Barbed Wire" is an Erich Pommer-Rowland V. Lee production. Pommer is the Continental genius who produced "Hotel Imperial" for Paramount, a picture which just before "Barbed Wire" was hailed as the most remarkable film drama ever made in America. On the continent he produced such remarkable and revolutionary films as, "Variety", "The Last Laugh", "Metropolis", and others of similar treatment.

Rowland V. Lee, directed "Barbed Wire" as his first picture for Paramount. His war experience as a private and later an officer with the Americans on five fronts gave him an experience invaluable in this picture.

Critics everywhere have acclaimed "Barbed Wire" as being "an ideal Pola Negri picture with an ideal Pola Negri", and Manager Wilson of the Malone Theatre is elated that he has beenable to book it for Thursday.

Lee's Summit—Old building west of "Journal" building being torn down preparatory to future building on site by J. C. Jones Lbr. Co.

A Holy war is reported to be raging in Arabia and parts adjacent. As we understand it, a holy war is about as holy as a civil war is civil.—New York Evening Post.

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DRIVES AUTO INTO RIVER IN ATTEMPT TO BOARD FERRY

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Pullman was attempting to board the ferry from the Tennessee side of the river when he lost control of the car, an Overland touring, which crashed through the guard chains on the ferry into the river.

One of the baby's hand showing above the water was grasped by a ferryman. The mother was holding to the baby. Both were brought to land and revived. Pullam's body evidently went down with the car, which has not been recovered.

CALF CLUB MEETS

A good turn out of the members of the Miner Switch Calf Club at the Community Building Friday night discussed the action of the Club in buying calves at once. A committee reported that the quality of calves found in this section was not suitable and that calves in nearby vicinities were too high to justify buying. No definite arrangements were made but a representative of the Club will make a trip to the northern part of the State about the middle of April or the first of June to look over the prsopects there.

TAKING THE PAINT AWAY FROM FATHER

A favorite subject of the cartoonist for years has been the man of the house being driven to painting by an ambitious wife.

This has now no basis of fact, because women are now doing as much painting about the house as men. "A recent investigation among users of Duco confirmed this fact", said Mr. Jones of the Faris-Jones Company. "This of course, applies to the painting of furniture and articles about the home, not to outside house painting.

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In Republican history, oil, in two terms, becomes turmoil.—Brunswick (Ga.- Pilot.

We understand that the Chicago school superintendent is so pro-British that it has taken six months to prove it.—San Diego Union.

If any present-day Diogenes had to get his lantern oil from Teapot Dome, he'd immediately switch to an electric flashlight.—Arkansas Gazette.

TRUCK PLANTING CONTINUES BAKERS HAVE LARGE PLOT

With nearly 500 acres of truck gardens. either put in or being prepared for planting in this section alone, and many more acres in nearby sections, Southeast Missouri promises to become a truck center during the first year of serious trucking.

For the past two weeks acres and acres of onions, radishes, etc., have been planted. Grover Baker and son. William, alone have planted 32,000 enion plants, 25,000 cabbage plants and expect to put in 15,000 more. In addition they will plant about 420 watermelon plants, tomatoes, cucumbers and egg plant. This is representative of the planting which is going on all over this section. Mr. Baker has kept milch cows during the winter months and has made a substantial profit from them. If milch cows are kept on the farm there is a constant income from them and when there are no crops to tend they are a source to use surplus labor.

Happy Hollow—Farmers in this community sowing oats.

An Anti-Saloon League conference is announced for New York City. So the League is going in for foreign travel.—San Diego Union.

A success magazine tells about a man whose occupation is to corral the actors in a flea circus. He might be the proper fellow to send after Sandino's Army.—Detroit News.

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Between the President of Mexico and Mussolini it seems they are giving the Pope of Rome a bit of uneasiness. We have an idea if the Pope and some of his followers would stop interfering with State affairs and stick to their religion, all would be better off.

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The Standard is getting no pay to advocate Sunday picture shows, but are doing what we can because we believe it is for the good of the community as well as for the business interests. One of our ministers told the editor that he did not expect us to become a church member, but gave no reason for such a conclusion. We told him when he cleaned his own flock of hypocracy, then he would have a chance to reach some of the balance of we sinners. We are willing to take our chance with the good Lord, just as we are, to joining any church and be a hypocrite. We are trying to live right and do right. We are not a liar and two faced. We pay our bills and owe no one who cannot be paid any day. Our business is conducted on the square and every man treated the same. We are not slobbering over any man or woman, and that is more than some can say.

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What a difference there is in religious worship now and in the days of our youth. Then the sermon was of an hour's duration, or more, and they preached hellfire and brimstone. The songs were given out by the preacher who repeated two lines at a time then the leader would hit his tuning fork to get the pitch and all would join in singing "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound". After the service everybody was asking everybody to their home to eat the dinner that was prepared Saturday. Now it is tooting of horns and tinkling of bells and one cannot tell what they are singing and what it is all about. Eighteen or twenty minutes for the sermon, then a grand rush for the door to see who can get out first. It is a wonder that there are not more limbs broken and more clothes torn off.

LET US BUILD THIS COMMUNITY UPON GOOD WILL

Communities built upon a foundation of good will toward all, a sincere effort toward honest dealing with our fellow men, are the communities that will endure long after others founded upon a less liberal application of the golden rule have passed away.

It is the earnest wish of every true member of this community that it shall grow and prosper. Each one is anxious and willing to do his share toward promoting this growth. Each may do his share by doing each day his daily task in the best way he knows how.

Confidence in our home institutions, in our neighbors, and a pride in our local developments of both private and public nature will make for the progress and growth of this home community of ours.

CHAS. HEBBELER ACTIVE IN MUNICIPAL ORGANIZATIONS

Charles Hebbeler, candidate for alderman in the Second Ward, subject to today's (Tuesday's) City election, is a young business man who has been active in progressive measures for Sikeston since his arrival here about five years ago. He is a member of the American Legion, the Chamber of Commerce and the Lion's Club and has been active in the work of each of these worthwhile organizations.

Among the most recent things which Hebbeler has done toward the development of Sikseton is his work in the introduction of dairying in this vicinity. If dairying is carried on to any great extent it will benefit Sikeston materially. He returned about a week ago from a trip into the South, where he purchased eleven fine head of cattle as a starter for this section.

His success in the business world is indicative of his progressiveness. The Council needs progressive men.

BILLIE DOVE IN "AMERICAN BEAUTY"

A decidedly human story, presenting a real insight into the life of the American gril of average circumstances, is promised in "American Beauty", Billie Dove's latest starring production for First National Pictures scheduled for Malone Theatre Friday.

As a typically American girl, with the not unusual ambition to marry a millionaire, but at the same time with a troubling affection for a youth in her own circumstance, the character played by Miss Dove is a very real one and gives her what is possibly her best opportunity for an outstanding screen portrayal.

"American Beauty", based on the short story of the same name by Wallace Irwin, was adapted to the screen and produced by Carey Wilson and directed by Richard Wallace.

Lloyd Hughes plays the leading masculine role opposite Miss Dove, with Walter McGrail, Margaret Livingston, Lucien Prival, Al St. John, Edythe Chapman, Alice White, Yola d'Avril, Loretta Young and others in prominent supporting parts. This is a Richard Wallace production.

March just closed was remarkable for even weather. Not too hot, not too cold. Few showers and but one snow flurry. We should all be thankful.

Washington Letter

(By W. L. Nelson, Rep. 8th Mo. Dis.)

Without a dissenting vote, the Senate has passed the Jones bill, which represents almost a complete reversal of the original draft. This bill is designed to provide flood control in the Mississippi Valley from Cape Girardeau to the Gulf. While the Jadwin or army plan forms the basis for the work in a large part, provision is made for considering the Mississippi River Commission report. The board is to consist of the Chief of Engineers, the President of the Mississippi River Commission two civil engineers and the Secretary of War. The sum of $325,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated. It is probable, though, that in the end an appropriation twice as large will be required. All work in the terirtory referred to is to be at federal expense, but is not to be regarded as a precedent as to other rivers. The Mississippi Valley states have in the past put up $4 for each $1 of federal funds, or $292,000,000. Provision is made looking to a complete survey of tributaries with a view to controlling floods on these. The bill will now be considered in the House. At this date the Reid bill, ordered reported out by the Flood Control Committee several weeks ago, has not yet been introduced. An unsuccessful effort has been made to radically change this bill so as to meet the wishes of powerful interests in the House. It has been represented that no rule for reporting out the bill could be secured unless these changes were made. It should be understood that the steering committee and the rules committee are able virtually to control legislation.

The House Committee on Agriculture, by a vote of 15 to 6, has reported out the Haugen farm relief bill. Three Republicans and three Democrats were in opposition. It is tho't that the bill, which carries the equalization fee, will be passed by the House and that the Senate will pass a similar measure known as the McNary bill, as a result of which farm relief largely in the old form will again be put up to the President.

A bill of interest to Missouri is one to provide for the regulation of motor bus operations in interstate traffic. Joint authority would be conferred on the Interstate Commerce Commission and State Boards.

The attention of the Department of Justice has been called to an alleged quinine trust, formed to raise the price of this drug. In one day federal officers seized 100,000 ounces of quinine.

There is a decided difference of opinion as to the value of the work to control the corn borer, which has made its difference fo opinion as to the value of the work to control the corn borer, which has made its appearance in 89 counties of the United States and coming as far west as northeastern Indiana. The last Congress appropriated $10,000,000, but there has been much dissatisfaction as to the manner in which this was handled and in many cases farmers entered complaints. Some are frankly skeptical as to the value of this work as it is being carried on.

The President has, under the flexible provisions of the tariff act, increased the duty on barium carbonate from one cent to one and one-half cents per pound. This substance is used in the manufacture of face brick, enameled ware, plumbing and electrical fixtures, the price of which will probably be raised to the purchaser as a result of this tariff hike, which certain interests ask to "protect" them from German competition. Barytes ore or tiff, from which barium carbonate is made, is mined in Morgan and other Missouri counties. But the tariff referred to does not apply to the mineral as mined, so the producers will get no benefit.

The matter of an apppropriation to enlarge the activities of the Mississippi River Barge Line, which will be extended to the Missouri River as soon as it is ready, is having attention. During February the lower Mississippi River division broke all records for business done, carrying 125,000 tons, representing a net saving to the shippers of about $50,000.

The last day for making income tax returns has passed and receipts were larger than expected. For weeks the tax reduction bill, which Democrats, Progressive and Independent Republicans changed against the wishes of Secretary Mellon, has been held up in the Senate. This delay, it was said, was occasioned by the uncertainty as to the amount of taxes which would come in. Two weeks have gone by, yet the administration is still opposing the total reduction carried in the bill, notwithstanding the larger receipts. There is a strong suspicion that the real reason the bill has been held up is because Secretary Mellon and other leaders object to the provision requiring separate returns by all corporations, also the repeal of the entire tax on automobiles, as well as the retention of the estate tax, which reaches the very rich.

In re-roofing and remodeling the White House, much old timber was left. This is now being sought by individuals and firms wanting to use the wood in the manufacture of souvenirs. The White House, constructedof Virginia freestone, is 170 feet long and 86 feet in depth. The corner stone was laid in 1792. The house was fired by British troops in 1814 and only the four walls were left standing. It is surrounded by a large plot of ground containing many beautiful trees and shrubs.

One of the attractions at this season of the year in Washington consistsof 2000 flowering Japanese cherry trees. The trees appear as great boquets. The flowers are single and of light pink, but they are no more beautiful than the wild crabapple blossom, common in Missouri, and lack the wonderful perfume of the home plant. The first Japanese cherry trees in the Capital City were sent by a Japanese official a present to Mr. Taft, when her husband was president. Later, many trees were purchased.

It has been charged in the Senate that Secretary of Labor Davis' report, showing 1,800,000 unemployed, was made for political purposes and that the actual number of workers now out of work is nearer 5,000,000. The public was also told that much of the unemployment is due to use of labor-saving machinery. This statement resulted in a number of Democratic senators asking why, if such is the case, manufactured goods continue so high in price. The tariff, it was alleged, is responsible for the high prices of many machine-made articles. Senator Smith asked, "Are we to maintain a high protective tariff for the purpose of increasing the power of the few further to develop labor-saving devices and to protect machines as against human beings?

It is apparent that administration leaders wish to make the 1928 campaign on the claim that there has been "almost unprecedented prosperity" to quote the President. Altho' this is the plan, there has been some let-up in the prsoperity claim as regards farming, where the distressing facts are so plain it is conceeded that farmers can no longer be fooled.

COUNTRY WOMEN INCREASE THEIR INCOMES IN MANY WAYS

Many Virginia farm women are finding that through the help received as members of home demonstration clubs they are able to start profitable home enterprises. Not only the traditional "butter and egg" money comes to them, but additional income from selling flowers, vegetables, canned and preserved foods, pickles, homemade candies, cakes, grape juice, and many other farm or home products. A report received by the United States Department of Agriculture from the Mount Ayre home demonstration club in Albemarle County is typical: "Eleven members took in $1400 on poultry, including hatching and table eggs; 2 raised turkeys and made $245; 4 sold cream and butter and earned $250; 1 raised $25 worth of dahlias, and 1 sold her pigs for $299.67".

A woman in Varina, Henrico County, who had an electric washing machine earned a good sum washing blankets for other people; another in the same club sold onion sets amounting to $100. A strawberry patch netted its owner in Smith's Grove, Dinwiddie County, $200, while other members of the same home demonstration group earned money, respectively, from a bean patch, from flowers and bulbs, and from buttermilk. Keeping books for the local gas station was one unusual way for a Beulah, Henrico County, farm woman to add to her income. From Clayville, Powhatan County, a woman sends jonquils to Washington, D. C., and in 1927 they brought her $100. Members of the "Willing Workers" club in the same county have built up a very good business in week-end baskets of fruits and vegetables which are largely sent by parcel post to Richmond. This business developed out of a desire to help the local postal route by having more packages and baskets collected direct from the mail boxes.

Booze and Boodle will probably be the lines of attack in the coming election.—Brunswick (Ga.) Pilot.

Maybe a lot of the static we're getting now is dark horses whinnying.—Arkansas Gazette.

A few glasses of strawberry or rhubarb preserves made this sppring will be handy for Christmas gifts next winter.

The passing of the feminine stream-line silhouette will bring cheer to the farmers who blame dieting women for the farm crop surplus.—Marshall County (Minn.) Banner.

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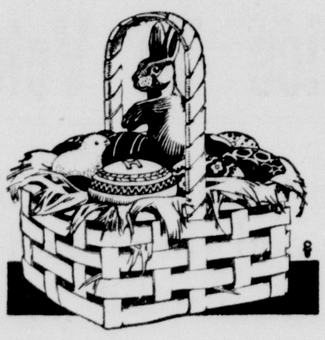

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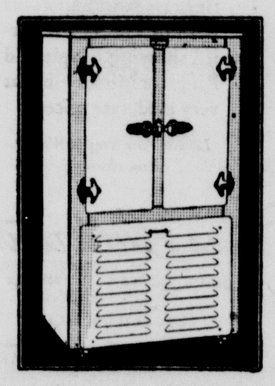

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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN ORGANIZED SINCE WAR

As a result of the general interest in the plight of the cripple since the Great War a good many states came to make a special study of the problem with definite legislation to ameliorate his condition. Ohio was one of the first States to undertake that under the leadership of that great character, "Daddy" Allen, who has given his life to the cause for the past ten years or more. Under his leadership the Ohio Society for Crippled Children was organized in 1919 and eventually there followed also in similar manner the organization of other State societies which developed into the International Society for Crippled Children. The International Society for Crippled Children has just held its seventh annual meeting with Daddy Allen as president. Last year saw twenty-four State societies affiliated with it, each doing a similarwork. Some of the oldest State societies in addition to that of Ohio are New York, Michigan, Illinois, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Oklahom andWisconsin.

The Missouri Society for Crippled Children modeled on the general lines of the others. was formed in April of last year with the following purposes as its first objective:

"Article II, Section 2.—To make this possible, it proposes—(a) The establishment of a central bureau to initiate, co-ordinate, and direct the securing and compiling of information concerning the care, cure and education of crippled children in the State of Missouri.

b) To make surveys by counties of conditions existing in Missouri.

(c) To assist in the development of adequate hospital and convalescent facilities.

(d) To promote the establishment of special classes and schools for crippled children.

(e) To promote such measures as seek the economic independence of the crippled.

(f) To work with all existing organizations interested in the physical and mental betterment of the crippled child to the end that the scope, purpose and co-ordination of such organizations, together with the Missouri Society for Crippled Children, shall be enlarged and improved".

Following is a list of the officers and directors of the Society: President H. C. Martin, St. Louis; 1st vice-president, Frank I. Buckingham, Kansas City; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Belle McCahan, Kirksville; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. Elias Michael, St. Louis; 4th vice-president. Dr. W. M. Marriott, St. Louis; Secretary, Frank E. Kimball, Jefferson City; Treasurer, Elliott R. Couden, St. Louis; Dr. James A. Stewart, Jefferson City; Dean G. L. Noyes, Columbia; Dr. F. D. Dickson, Kansas City; B. G. Shackleford, St. Louis; Dr. Archer O'Reilly, St. Louis; R. J. DeLano, Kansas City; E. H. Winters, Jefferson City, Dr. H. S. Curtis. Jefferson City ;Mrs. Charles W. Greene, Columbia;Mrs. Ira Bretzfelder, St. Louis; Dr. M. L. Klinefelter, St. Louis; W. H. Danforth, St. Louis; Mrs. Henry Ess, Kansas City; Dr. C. B. Francisco, Kansas City; Mrs. George Hoxie, Kansas City, Mrs. Ernst Simonsen, Jefferson City; Judge John C. Landis, St. Joseph.

ARTICLE NO. 35

One of the best ways to learn how to play a good game of auction is to study the mistakes made by others. In this way similar mistakes can be avoided and your own game improved to that extent. Here are several hands that bring out points that should be carefully studied and understood:

Example Hand No. 1
Hearts—K, Q, J, 8, 7, 5
Clubs—10, 7
Diamonds—A, K, 5
Spades—A, 7

Y
A B
Z

No score, first game. Z dealt and passed, A bid one spade, Y bid two hearts, B bid two spades. Z passed, A also passed, Y bid three hearts, and B passed. Z passed and A bid three spdaes. What should Y now do? Should he pass or bid four hearts? Y should pass. He has bid all that his hand is possibly worth. If he does bid four hearts he is pretty sure to be doubled and lose a big penalty. On the other hand, he has so many good cards that he has a good chance to save the game, even if his partner doesn't take a trick.

In the actual hand however, Y bid four hearts, was doubled, and lost four hundred points. A spades, A-B could have scored only three odd.

Be on the lookout for hands of htis type and don't overbid when you know you are badly licked, especially when you have a good chance to save game at the opponent's bid.

Example Hand No. 2
Hearts—K. Q, 10, 7, 6, 3
Clubs—A
Diamonds—A, K, Q, 9
Spades—8, 5

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and passed, A bid one club, Y bid three hearts, B and Z passed and A doubled. Y passed, B bid four clubs, Z and A passde and Y doubled. If B and Z passed and A redoubled, what should Y now do? Should he pass the redouble or bid four hearts? Y should pass the redouble and leave it to his partner to decide whether they could defeat four clubs or should try to make four hearts. Y's hand is so strong that it is almost a certainty that he can defeat the four club bid. On the other hand, Z's failure to bid over B's four clubs and A's double of three hearts makes it very unlikely that Y can make four odd in hearts. For thtse very evident reasons, Y should pass the redouble and try to defeat the four club bid.

In the actual game, however, Y got panicky when A redoubled and bid four hearts. A doubled and Y failed to make his contract by one trick. If he had passed the redouble, he would have defeated the four club bid by two tricks or four hundred points, so Y's mistake in judgment in this instance cost him five hundred points. Whenever in doubt, choose the certainty.

Example Hand No. 3
Hearts—J, 7
Clubs—A, J, 6, 3
Diamonds—Q. 8, 7, 4
Spades—A, J, 8

Y
A B
Z

No score, first game. Z dealt and bid one heart. If A bid one no-trump, what should Y do? Should he pass. double one no-trump or bid two no-trump? One of the best ways to decide Y's proper bid is by deciding what Y should do if A had passed Z's one heart bid. Under these conditions Y should have bid one no-trump, for he has a very strong hand and only two hearts. If such is the case, how can A make one no-trump if Z has an original heart bid and Y has a hand on which he justifiably could have bid one no-trump if A had passed?

If you consider all these factors, it is at once apparent that Y should double A's bid of one no-trump. In the actual game Y passed and defeated A's bid by five tricks. When you have a certainty such as this, don't hesitate to take advantage of the opportunity and score a big penalty. If Y had been alert to the situation he would have doubled the one no-trump and scored five hundred points instead of two hundred and fifty.

Answer to Problem No. 36

Hearts—A, J, 9, 7, 6
Clubs—8, 7
Diamonds—A, 10. 9, 7, 3
Spades—9

Hearts—K 10, 3
Clubs—9, 2
Diamonds—K, J, 8, 2
Spades—7. 5, 3, 2

Y
A B
Z

Hearts—Q, 8, 5, 4
Clubs—6, 4
Diamonds—Q, 6, 5
Spades—Q, J, 10, 6

Hearts—2
Clubs—A, K, Q, J, 10 5, 3
Diamonds—4
Spades—A, K, 8, 4

Clubs are trumps and Z is playing the hand. If A leads the nine of clubs, how can Z play the hand so that he will win all of the tricks against any defense? Z should win the trick and lead the four of diamonds, winning the trick in Y's hand with the ace. He should then lead a small diamond and trump in his own hand with a small trump. He should then lead the king of spades and follow with the four of spades, trumping in Y's hand with the eight of clubs. He should then lead a small diamond from Y's hand and trump in his own hand. He should then lead out four rounds of trumps. A must make three discards. He can discard one heart and two spades. He cannot discard his king of diamonds or Y's ten of diamonds will be good. Y must make four discards. He can discard three hearts and the nine of diamonds. B must make three discards. He must discard three hearts. He cannot discard a spade or Z's spades will be good.

At the tenth trick, therefore, the players have the following cards in their respective hands:

Hearts—A, J
Clubs—none
Diamonds—10
Spades—none

Hearts—K, 10
Clubs—none
Diamonds—K
Spades—none

Y
A B
Z

Hearts—Q
Clubs—none
Diamonds—none
Spades—Q. J

Hearts—2
Clubs—none
Diamonds—none
Spades—A, 8

At the eleventh trick Z should lead the ace of spades and A is forced to discard. He cannot discard the king of diamonds or Y's ten of diamonds will be good. Therefore A must discrad the ten of hearts. Y then discards the ten of diamonds and B follows suit. Z now leads the deuce of hearts and Y wins the next two tricks. In this problem both A and B are forced to discard winning hearts —B at the tenth trick. This forcing of discards from the hands of both opponents is the so-called double squeeze.

VOTERS
Attention Please!

Due to the fact that the Southeast Missouri Lumberman's Association has been in session and the E. C. Robinson Lumber Company rebuilding their lumber yard, taking up considerable of my time, I have been unable to make a house to house canvass to solicit your vote and support. But---

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and am taking this method of soliciting your vote in my race for the office of mayor.

Thanks,

N. E. Fuchs

HOW WEATHER AND THE BOLL WEEVIL RULE AN INDUSTRY

How the weather may enter into the business of chemical manufacturing is illustrated by recent statistics on the production of calcium arsenate, the insecticide principally used to reduce the destructive wrought by the cotton-boll weevil. In the year ended August 31, 1927, reports from all but three manufacturers indicated a production of more than 18,000,000 pounds in comparison with a little more than 5.000,000 pounds the preceding year. The small production in 1926 was the result of a large carry-over stock from the preceding year. The insecticide dust had been manufactured in preparation for a normal demand during 1925, but owing to weather conditions the boll weevil did not attack the 1925 crop in sufficient numbers to warrant the extensive use of the dust. In 1926 there was an increase in the number of boll weevils. This stimulated the use of calcium arsenate and thus disposed of the surplus and left a comparatively small carry-over. With a further increase in weevil damage during 1927, the manufacturers again began active production.

MATING CRY OF WILD TURKS SHOWS GAME PRESERVATION

The wild gobblers are calling for their mates throughout the Ozark hills and wooded valleys. It is a harbinger of spring. Co-incident with the flash of the rainbow trout in the waters of our State parks, where fishing for this beautiful member of the finney tribe is now permittde, comes the mating cry of Missouri's largest game bird, nad nature's supreme method of propagating wild life comes to the aid of our modern efforts to preserve the game.

The fact, as reported to the Game and Fish Department headquarters, that the wild turkeys are mating, is an object lesson. and a real one, attesting to the truth of the assertion that wild life in Missouri can be multiplied as well as preserved. It is the basis upon which we are being asked to purchase more hunting and fishing licenses, the only source of the revenue upon which Missourians must depend, at least for the immediate future, for any increase in either the population of wild life in our fields and forests or for whatever efforts are put forth in that direction.

No wonder the world is crooked; even some of the stars are fixed.—Palm Beach Post.

It would be a fine stroke if somebody should convince Big Bill that Chicago bandits are emissaries of King George.—Chattanooga News.

In Siberia, Mr. Trotzky is so far away from the centers of news that he isn't reported dead nearly as often as he used to be.—Detroit News.

A Congressman has discovered that the lobbyist payroll in Washington is greater than the Congressional. Perhaps that's why it hurts so.—Omaha World-Herald.

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John Barleycorn seems to rest in his grave with all the reposeful calm of a Japanese waltzing mouse.—Arkansas Gazette.

A great many animals laugh, says a scientist. And of course a great many people give them good reason to.—San Diego Union.

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Clarence Bennett of St. Louis was returned to that place Monday night by Constable Brown Jewell along with a rented Buick car, which Bennett had hired Sunday and had failed to return. Jewell received a request from the St. Louis police and the Hertz-Drive-Yourself Company Monday to be on the lookout for a Buick coupe. He drove north on No. 61 to McMullin, where he found the car and man. Bennett had been visiting in that vicinity. He readily accompanied the officer to St. Louis with the car.

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S. N. SHEPHERD

MISINFORMATION

It has come to me that certain parties are working against me and stating that I was against the progressive moves that might make Sikeston a better city in which to live. This is not so. This is my home where I live and make my living. It is my wish and desire to see Sikeston have improved streets, a better system of street lighting, water mains for fire fighting, or anything else that will make our property worth 100 cents on the dollar. Conditions have changed since we have the concrete roads and Sikeston must progress along with the highways or cease to be a city.

F. F. YOUNG.
Candidate for Alderman for 4th Ward

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT GIVES SAFETY RULES

"Safety First" is still the most expressive slogan that has been devised to call to one's attention the ever present chance of accident, according to the "Roadio" news of the State Highway Department.

The "Safety First" sloganist is the individual who realizes his responsibility for accidents and the necessity for the highest degree of care in operating his motor vehicle, or in walking upon the highways. He is well aware of the suffering, sorrow, and unhappiness which usually follow highway accidents; and courtesy and caution at all times is his solemn pledge.

Every user of the highway should be acquainted with rules, the use of which serve as an aid to safety.

The following rules which are worthy of reference now and then are offered as an aid to safety on the highways. Their paplication by all road usres should eliminate the majority of accidents, unless they be the acts of nature.

Rules for safety on the highways:

1. Keep in mind the slogan "Safety First". Remember it is far better to be safe than sorry.

2. Be courteous and respect the rights of all other users of the highways. Give the other fellow the benefit of the doubt.

3. Control your temper; never allow an upset personality to show expression through the use of your car. Remember that selfishness and greed in a competent driver may be even more dangerous than the inexperience of incompetent drivers.

4. Slow down when approaching intersecting highways, bridges, causeways, levees, dams, sharp curves, turns, steep descents, schools, groups or gatherings of persons or animals on or near the highway, railroad or interurban grade crossings, pedestrians on the highways, or horses or other animals that show fear.

5. Do not drive from a side-road or private driveway into a boulevard or arterial highway, such as a State road, without stopping and looking both ways.

6. Use extreme caution at all railroad crossings. Remember that many grade crossing accidents are causde by drivers who, in excitement of peril, stall their engines.

7. Do not race on the highway, the unexpected is likely to happen. There is also danger in speeding up when a car passed you from behind.

8. Keep car under control at all times, thus following the rule that it is not speed so much as recklessness that causes accidents.

9. Observe strictly all official highway warning signs. Know their meaning by the shape of the sign as well as by the words thereon.

10. When walking on the highway, walk on the left side facing traffic and step off to left when necessary, and keep out of the middle of the road.

11. Keep brakes in good repair. Your brakes are not safe unless they will hold your car on any hill you can climb.

12. Never drive a car with defective steering gears. Too much play in your steering gear is dangerous.

13. Remember that worn tires, especially on the front wheels, are exceedingly dangerous to yourself and others.

14. Consider as a possible death trap every overloaded, slowly moving truck that takes the middle fo the road, instead of one side. Overloaded trucks have overloaded brakes, which cannot be efficient.

15. See that your headlights are focused upon the road ahead and not up in the air. Dim your lights when approaching other cars at night, unless your headlights are equipped with an effective non-glare device. Keep both headlights burning at night. Remember that glaring headlights are murderously dangerous.

16. Carry a pair of good tire chains for emergency use. Also a tow rope, a flash light and at least one spare tire.

17. Don't speed on wet or icy pavements. Drive carefully as spots covered with mud, snow, or ice may cause you trouble.

18. Keep your car locked and out of the possession of joy-riders or thieves.

19. Allow no one to drive your car who is not legally entitled or competent to do so.

20. Observe the Eighteenth Amendment as a traffic safety measure, as intoxicated drivers are still the source of accidents.

21. Never drive a motor vehicle when not physically fit, either from sickness or want of sleep. Fatigue is adjudged to be a very strong factor working against safety.

22. Do not be a road hog. Stay on your side of the road.

23. Give your attention to the pavement or traveled way ahead of you and avoid driving off tht surface.

24. Frequently examine the tail light, and see that it is operating.

25. Never attempt to pass another car without sounding your horn.

26. Sound your horn whenever there is real danger to yourself or others, but never needlessly.

27. Don't deface or remove road signs.

28. Never attempt to traverse roads that are legally closed by barriers.

29. Avoid a sudden stop, do not park on traveled portion of highway and never park or stop on bridges, curves, hill tops, or intersections.

30. Signal with outstretched hand when about to slow down, stop, or turn to right or left unless your car has a stop signal on the rear. Approaching traffic should be given warning in sufficient time to avoid accidents.

31. Edge over to the right of the road as far as possible when informed that another car wishes to pass you. Also, when about to stop on the highway.

32. Become fully acquainted with the motor vehicle laws nd obey them, as well as obey all the laws of the road which have been established by custom.

33. Never throw glass, nails, tacks, wire, cans, on the highway.

34. Don't fail to give aid in case of accident.

35. Never leave the scene of an accident in which you have been involved, until you have adjusted the matter of responsibility.

36. Do not pass a motor vehicle on curves, or on summit of hills.

37. Remember the danger from carbon monoide in driving through snow or within closed garages.

38. Drive with extreme caution through snow storms, heavy rains, fogs or mists or dust.

39. Car doors may cause painful and serious accidents. The driver should be responsible for the opening and closing of all the doors.

40. Don't depend entirely on the fact that you have the right-of-way.

41. Don't attempt to pass a vehicle unless the road ahead is clear.

42. Don't carry luggage or commodities which project more than 6 inches on the left side of the car.

43. Don't cut corners, or "cut in" short after passing a vehicle.

44. Make repairs on side roads or entirely clear of the pavement or traveled way.

46. In winter driving, be prepared for snow storms. Have proper clothing. Watch out for snow removal equipment. Do not pull sleds with children on them behind an automobile.

47. Travel detours wiht more care and attention than given to a main traveled highway. Remember, detour signs indicate better roads in the future.

48. Assume the responsibility for the safety and comfort of all those who are riding with you.

49. Use extreme caution and good judgment in extending an invitation to a stranger to ride you.

50. Improved highways eliminate hazards in the road. therefore, enthusiastically lend your aid in promoting the rapid construction of all State highways and farm-to-market roads.

Copies of "The Rules for Safety on the Highways" may be obtained free by writingl T. H. Cutler, Chief Engineer, Missouri State Highway Department, Jefferson City.

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HOLY WEEK

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Confessions will be heard in the afternoon and evening.

HOLY THURSDAY

On this day we celebrate the Institution of the Blessed Eucharist. Communion may be received at 6:30. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30, followed by a procession.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day until eight p. m. Everyone is expected to spend at least an hour before the Blessed Sacrament in atonement for the sins of the world and in gratitude for the blessings they have received during the year.

GOOD FRIDAY

Services will commence at 7:00 a. m., followed by Mass of the Presanctified.

Tre Ore, or The Three Hours services commemorating the Three Hours spent by Our Divine Redeemer dying on the Cross for the sins of the world, will be observed from 12 to 3 p. m.

Every Catholic is urged to absent himself from worldy affairs during the period of the Three Hours, if possible, and attend the service at church.

HOLY SATURDAY

Services will commence at 7 a. m. and will consist of various blessings, including that of Baptismal and Easter Water, the new fire and the Paschal Candle. Mass will be celebrated at eight.

In the afternoon at 3:30 and again after 7:00 confessions will be heard.

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses will be celebrated at 7:30 and 9:30. The second, will be a High Mass. This is a General Communion Day for the parish.

The collection on this day will be for the Pastor.

MISSOURI INDUSTRIAL REVIEW NEWS

Gainsville—Saline Mutual Telephone Co. sells its local exchange to Middle States Utilities Company.

Liberal—Liberal Broom Co. leases W. P. Creekmore building on East Yale Street for its factory.

Elvins—Plans making for erection of new City Hall here.

Cameron—Cameron Telephone Co. removes poles from north side of Third Street in business section.

Pleasant Hill—Electric canceling machine received for local post office.

St. Louis—Missouri Pacific Railroad's new office building here nears completion.

Jackson—McWilliams &Query to rect two-story brick building on East Main Street.

Festus—Work started on new furniture factory here.

Kennett—Railroad street graded and widened.

Stanberry—State Highway No. 4 and No. 29 to be improved in next few weeks.

Harrisonville—W. H. Barrett building at northwest corner of public square being remodeled.

Bethany—Highway from Iowa line to St. Joseph through here will be made all-weather road this summer.

Trenton—Farmers' Exchange Bank and Bank of Trenton consolidated into new Farmers' Bank of Trenton.

Chillicothe—"Chillicothe Daily Constitution" and "Daily Tribune" consolidate and will be known as "Chillicothe Constitution Tribune".

St. Louis—Plans under way to establish government air mail route and passneger airplane service between here and California following route of Highway 66.

Republic—New route being surveyed for highway 16 from Billings to this place.

Lexington—Emrick Vinegar and Pickle Company to erect factory building here.

South St. Louis—Purchase planned by city of half block at Virginia and Blow Streets for playground.

Cainsville—New fire engine received here and demonstrated. Volunteer Fire Company organized.

American Car & Foundry Co. will build great motor bus factory at St. Charles.

Poplar Bluff—Work begins soon on great Black River power and flood storage dam.

Anderson—Plans making for greatly increasing truck gardening in this section this year.

Jefferson City—Ground broken for construction of new state highway department building east of Missouri Capitol.

Boonville—Local Chamber of Commerce starts memberschip drive.

Carthage—Graveling state highway 38 from here to point 3 miles southward started.

Monett—Odd Fellows plan erection of new building.

Centralia—Highway No. 22 will be graded and oiled from mile east of here to Highway 63 west of Sturgeon.

Union—Ozark Pipe Line Company begins operations here.

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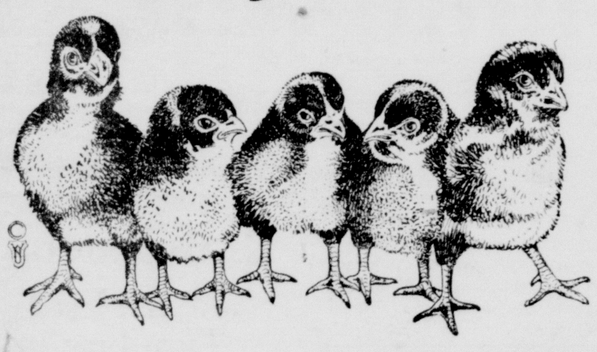

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SCOTT COUNTY HEALTH UNIT TO HOLD TONSIL CLINIC

The Scott County Health Unit will hold a tonsil clinic at Benton sometime this month if the people of the County are isterested enough to notify Dr. U P. Haw, County physician, of cases which may need attention and which whil appear at the clinic for treatment.

It is necessary for the preliminary arangements to be made so the Health Unit may know what to count on when the date is set for the clinic. Parents who have been notified by the Unit of defective tonsils in their children during the recent examinations of the school children and wish to have the tonsils removed should get in touch with Dr. Haw at once. No tonsils will be removed unless the preliminary arrangement has been made with the Unit.

Atlantic City, we understand, has abolished the parade of the bathing (?) suit (?) beauties ?—The New Yorker.

A Chinese general has ordered that none of his soldiers marry until the war is over. He believes in one war at a time.—San Diego Union.

Coming months should show whether the wide scope of Mr. Hoover's engineering training has included anything about the proper guidance of political landslides.—Christian Science Monitor.

The three-eyed plesiosaurus found in Warwickshire, England, is said to have lived 200 million years ago. What a pedestrian it might have made had it not been born 200 million years ahead of its time!—Detroit News.

The Treasury Department says that Russia must take back its five million dollars in gold. The Soviet may open charge accounts here, but a true American will never sink so low as to take cash.—The New Yorker.

All the white man wants to do in the Orient is to take orders and give orders.—Publishers Syndicate.

It's getting so that an honest Republican doesn't dare own any Liberty bonds.—Ohio State Journal.

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SEMO B. B. LEAGUE REORGANIZED SUN.

The Southeast Missouri Baseball League was reorganized at an enthusiastic meeting of baseball men from this section and Blytheville, Ark., at Malden Sunday afternoon. A four team loop was organized with the first game to be played May 6, the scheduled to be arranged later. Blytheville, Ark., was represented and made application to join the circuit. If another team is obtained, so that a six team loop can be formed, Blytheville will be accepted.

Sikeston, Cape Girardeau, Kennett and Malden, now compromise the League, but it is thought that the Poplar Bluff Hornets will enter, which will also allow Blytheville to come in. If Blytheville enters, their representative stated, they will either build a park just over the Missouri line from Blytheville or will play at Cardwell. Sunday baseball is not permitted in Arkansas, but it is thought that since Blytheville is a baseball town, that large crowds could be played to, who would drive from Blytheville to the games.

A. L. Biffle of Bloomfield was re-elected president of the League; R. Irl Jones, vice-president and Dr. C. W. Limbaugh, of Sikeston as secretary and treasurer.

There was a represenative body of baseball men ppresent; W. T. Malone represented Sikeston, Homer Smetzer, Malden; Rush Smith, Kennett and Mr. Biffle, Cape Girardeau.

Poplar Bluff was not represented at the meeting, but President Biffle said that he would be in Poplar Bluff this week and would meet with the management of the Horents there in regards their entering the League. According to reports from there, the management of the Hornets is seriously considering plans for entering the loop.

Rules governing the hiring of players were made whereby a man to be eligible to play for a town, must be a resident of the vicinity and must not live more than twenty-two miles from the town. This number was chosen after some discussion which will prevent "ringers" from being played.

Local players held an unofficial workout here Sunday while the management was at the meeting in Malden. Much interest has been displayed in the local team and it is thought that Sikeston's chances for finishing on top are exceptionally good. The twenty-two mile rule will not hurt Sikeston as Haman of Benton is the onlyout-of-town man who is being counted on by the locals.

Bloomfield School Dedicated

Bloomfield, March 31.—The dedication of the new, $75,000 Bloomfield high school building took place here last night with a crowd of 900 persons attending. Although the building was practically finished and school was held in it November 1, the dedication was delayed until a number of details could be finished. The brick structure is of fireproof construction and will house the growing high school which already employes nine teachers.

Cobb Not To Retire

Augusta, Ga., March 31.—Ty Cobb has no intention of quitting baseball this year, he said today when informed fo reports that he had decided to retire after making $200,000 in the stock market.

MORLEY BANK ROBBERY SOLVED—THREE MEN HELD

The daring bank holdup at Morley last November was solved last week, according to word from authorities at Benton. Three men alleged to have taken part in he affair are now under arrest. One is being held at Benton, another is under heavy bond, and the third is under bond in Illinois.

The fourth member of the gang alleged to have robbed the bank is dead, having died from natural causes a few weeks after the robbery.

The men held are:

Ben Henson of West Frankfort, Ill., for the return of whom to Missouri requisition papers have been authorized.

Shelby Tines of near Risco, who is in jail at Benton, and who is alleged to have admitted complicity in the holdup.

John Adams of Caruthersville, who is under $5000 bond, charged with being a member of the bandit gang.

Odie Burkes of West Frankfort, who is alleged to be the fourth member of the gang, is dead.

Simultaneously with the announcement of the solution of the robbery by Prosecuting Attorney Montgomery and Sheriff E. A. Dye, two special deputy sheriffs were dispatched to West Frankfort, Ill., to bring Henson back here for trial.

None of the money has been recovered, authorities said. They say that the loot, amounting to $4700.25, was divided equally among the four men, according to the State charge.

Henson, Tines and Burks are alleged to be the men who entered the Morley bank shortly before noon on November 9, held up L. L. Hunter, the cashier, at the point of a gun, scooped up he money and fled in an automobile. Ward Hunter, a son of the cashier, who entered the bank during the hold-up, was also forced against the wall. Adams is alleged to have remained in the car while the hold-up was in progress.

Burks was alleged to have been the leader of the gang and was said to have been the more calm of the bandits. At the time, it was said that the younger of the men, alleged to have been Tines, appeared extremely nervous and was cautioned by the older man to 'take your time".

Tines, who is married, has resided near Risco. He was arrested at Blytheville, Ark., several weeks ago. He is a relative of Adams.

TRAIN SERVICE ON FRISCO RESUMED AFTER WRECK

Blame for the weakened trestle over the Diversion Channel near Nash, Mo., which caused the engined and a poultry car of a special northbound freight train to plunge into the water Thursday morning, killing two men and injuring a third, was placed on a southbound freight which had passed over the trestle a short time before. Machinery on the southbound freight had slipped as tht train passed over the trestle and had caught in it, weakening the structure.

Funeral services for Engineer Ed Lynch, who was killed, were held in St. Louis last week. R. J. Davis, brakeman, the other victim, was buried at Poplar Bluff. His home was in Chaffee at the time of the wreck. Henry Lownsdale, who was riding in the poultry car escaped with minor injuries.

Train service on the main line of the Frisco which was held up by the wreck, was resumed Sunday. Trains have been routed over a branch line.

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SLOGAN CONTEST FOR BOND ISSUE AMONG SCHOOLS

A slogan contest, in which every boy and girl of Scott County can take part, is announced by Major Lloyd C. Stark, general chairman of the Citizens' Road Bond Committee, sponsoring the proposal $75,000,000 bond issue for completing Missouri's State Highway System. Four cash prizes, of $50, $25, $15 and $10, are offered for the best and most catchy slogans submitted for use in the coming bond issue campaign.

The contest is limited to the school children of Missouri, of high school or lower grades, whether enrolled in public, parochial, semi-private or private schools. Full particulars of the contest will be given in this paper next week, or they may be obtained by writing Major Lloyd C. Stark, care Citizens' Road Bond Committee, 1405 Federal Commerce Trust Building, St. Louis, Mo.

MRS. GEO. HAWKINS DIES

Mrs. George Hawkins, 41, died at her home on Wilson Avenue Sunday evening. Funeral services will be held today (Tuesday) at the Baptist Church, the Rev. S. P. Brite will conduct the service. Mrs. Hawkins is survived by her husband and two children, Hulard and Woodrow, four brothers, Jess, Roy, William and Gus Wright and two sisters, Betty Battenfield of Quartz, Okla., and Mrs. Lucy Perkins of Cairo. Interment will be in Carpenter's Cemetery. The funeral will be conducted by the Albritton Undertaking Company.

Pie supper at the Miner Community Hall Tuesday night. Everybody come. Benefit of the piano fund.

Mrs. Jim Midgett. Mrs. W. O. Venson of Kewanee were visitors of Mrs. Nannie Wright, Saturday afternoon.

The primary department of the Methodist church will hold an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. E. Felker.

IT OCCURRED TO ME

His girl was so dumb that she wanted to know if the drums that the Legion ordered would be inflated when they arrived.

The local order of Estimators has held several conclaves before the chart at Dud's, but contrary to the usual practice, no entries have been made on the chart.

I do not know just what the story of the new Fox film, "Four Sons" is, but here is a true one of a family I know. Madame Block, who lives in Straasbourg has four sons. Paul and Marcel came to America years ago, and Andre and Louis remained at home. In 1914, both of the sons that remained with their mother were called for service with the German army. In 1915 Louis was captured by the French and after a year as a prisoner was allowed to enlist in the French army where he was sent to Africa for service.

In 1917 Marcel and Paul were drafted in our army. Paul got over and was on duty in Coblenz following the Armistice. In February, 1919, Sergeant Andre of the German army, Sergeant Louis of the French army and Sergeant Paul of the U. S. army, all got leave at the same time and visited their mother in Straasbourg.

There are no tears in this story of "Four Sons".

Big time here on the Fourth of July.

Big time here today (Tuesday).

Suggested statement for an unfortunate candidate. "I did not get as many votes as I thought I would, but then I hardly expected to".

Pencils will be furnished at the booths.

Robley Lennox, Ray Hudson, Ray Wedel and E. W. Cox drove to Cape Girardeau, Sunday.

The sign boards between the City Hall and the Post Office building have been removed preparatory to the erection of the funeral home buildign of H. J. Welsh.

SAYS BOND ISSUE PROVIDES FOR FARM-TO-MARKET ROADS

Mexico, Mo., April 1.—The expenditure of $2,080,136 on uncompleted links of the State Highway System, and on supplementary farm-to-market roads in Audrain County, is outlined by T. H. Cutler, chief highway engineer, in announcing county plans under the proposed $75,000,000 bond issue.

The estimate includes $1,701,852 for unexpended balances on the State highway system and United States Highway No 54, and $378,284 for supplementary roads. Audrain County still has a balance of $1,480,413 to be expended on Route 15 north of Mexico, Route 22 west of Mexico, and United States Highway 54 east of this city. For work on United States Highway 54 south of Mexico, now paved with a 9-foot concrete slab, there is $221,439 yet to be expended, Cutler says.

"Farm-to-market funds as provided for by the new amendment will be for farm-to-market roads, and none of the money will be spent on the present designed system", he wrote in a recent letter. "What the bond issue will do, in addition to providing this money for farm-to-market roads will be to complete the present system four or five years earlier than is possible under the pay-as-you-go plan. This will be done without any increase in automobile license fees or gasoline tax, and without a property tax", he said.

FIRE ON KATHLEEN AVE.

Fire destroyed a woodshed in the rear of C. B. Poage on Kathleen Avenue about 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The damage was about $100, the cause was not clearly determined, but it is though to have been a grass fire, which had been started in the alley back of the shed. A large crowd quickly assembled to watch the fire.

The Standard $1.50, per year.

LIFE INSURANCE FRAUD LEADS TO ARREST OF TWO

Poplar Bluff, March 29.—Two men are under arrest and several other arrests are expected in connection with what postal inspectors term one of the largest insurance frauds ever uncovered in the Middle West.

The inspectors say it will involve several persons in Southeast Missouri and Northeast Arkansas.

William C. Wood of Charleston and John Whitehead of Poplar Bluff are under arrest. Wood was taken to Cape Girardeau and bound over to the Federal Court. Whitehead was arrested here late yesterday.

The arrests followed an investigation in a civil action which R. F. Masterson, Dr. S. P. Blackwood and the First National Bank of Corning, Ark., instituted against the Home Life Insurance Co. of New York to collect $14,000 in insurance on the life of Gilbert Hays.

In the civil action it is charged that Hays was not the man examined on his death, but that Wood was substituted, taken before a physician and introduced as Hays.

Wood said he was taken before Dr. H. E. White at Naylor, Mo., by John Whitehead, then soliciting agent for the Home Life Insurance Co., and represented as Hays. He passed the medical examination.

One of the policies taken out on Hays was $9000. It was held by Masterson. A $5000 policy was assigned to Dr. Blackwood and reassigned to the First National Bank of Corning.

Testimony introduced in the civil action was to the effect that Hays was an invalid, when the insurance was taken out. Three weeks ago his body was disinterred and the vital organs were sent to the State chemist at Little Rock, Ark., for examination to determine if poison could be found. No report of this examination has been made public.

FUNERAL FOR WILLIS TODAY

Funeral services for United States Senator Frank B. Willis, Ohio's favorite son candidate for the Republican nomination for the presidency, who died suddenly at Delaware, Ohio, his home town, Friday night, will be held there today (Tuesday). He will be buried beside his father and mother in the Oak Grove Cemetery. For two hours Sunday afternoon the people of Delaware, who turned out Friday night to acclaim their favorite son in an old-fashioned home-coming celebration, filed past his bier.

DONIPHAN BRIDGE OPENED

Doniphan, April 2.—The Current River bridge was opened to traffic Sunday. It is the longest bridge in Missouri, except those over the Missouri River. Many motorists passed over the bridge Sunday.

Pie supper at the Miner Community Hall Tuesday night. Everybody come. Benefit of the piano fund.

Virginia Alsup is in the contest at the Sikeston Mercantile and wishes her friends and acquaintances to vote for her when they make purchases.

That Missouri needs to increase its home orchard tree total 200 per cent is the declaration of Secretary Jewell Mayes of the State Board of Agriculture, who recommends a 50 per cent planting each year in the spring seasons of 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931. Guard against planting more than an experimental few of new and locally untested varieties, sticking preferably to trees of known home value.

HUNTER'S BANK OF NEW MADRID CLOSES

The Hunter's Bank, the oldest institution in New Madrid County was closed Thursday afternoon when its Board of Directors found the cash reserve to be running low. The closing followed a slow run of several months in which about $110,000 has been withdrawn from the bank, according to H C. Hunter, a director, and a run which started more recently in which some $20,000 was drawn.

The run on the bank was caused by an action of the New Madrid County Court, according to word received by S. L. Cantley, State Finance Commissioner at Jefferson City.

Some time ago, Cantley said, the New Madrid County Court decided a new bond for some $50,000 of county funds, deposited in the bank, was desired, in order that no delay should be experienced in getting the county, money should Hunter die.

Instead of going to the bank officials quietly and "in a businesslike way", Cantley said the report to him showed the court made the matter a proceeding of public record and sent the sheriff to the bank to demand the bond.

Within 30 minutes the report was all over New Madrid. The commissioner said the run then began.

The State Finance Commissioner was immediately notified and C. M. Duncan, State Bank examiner, arrived in New Madrid Friday and took charge.

The bank was organized in 1905 and enjoyed a rapid growth until in 1918 the total resources totaled over $1,000,000. Depressed agriculutral conditions followed and loans made were slow to be paid as was the condition in most banks. The closed bank had a capital stock of $150,000 and the last statement of the financial condition published on the 31st day of December, 1927, the total resources amounted to $462,648.18. The officers of the bank are A. B. Hunter, President; H. C. Hunter, Vice President; T. A. Wood, Cashier. On Monday of this week H. E. Broughton, Sr., was elected Vice President and took charge of the management of the bank as H. C. Hunter resigned to take charge of his large farming interests.

Officials of the bank are hopeful of reopening the institution. but no actoin will be taken along this line until the Bank Examiner has made a complete audit of the books. This will require about ten days.

The closing of the bank is regretted as it ties up the deposits of many people, some of whom are in immediate need of their money. It is hoped that some plan for reopening the bank can be worked out.

REMUS IS FREED

Lima, Ohio, March 30.—George Remus, former bootleg leader and wife slayer, won his fight for freedom from the Lima State Hospital for the Criminal Insane today when the Third District Court of Appeals handed down a decision holding him sane.

The decision was rendered after the court had held under consideration for more than three weeks, the question of whether Remus was sane. The hearing on his application for release on a write of habeas corpus opened on February 20 and continued about two weeks while alienists and Remus himself took their turns in the witness chair.

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It won't be long now. Some will wonder how it happened, while others can tell the reason. The boat is at the wharf waiting for the trip up Salt River and it is hoped there will be no mutiny aboard. Running for office is expensive if you win, and if you loose, the family larder sometimes is low for weeks and months. Don't be disappointed for all cannot win.

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The closing of the Hunter Bank at New Madrid last week comes as a shock to this entire section. The Standard sincerely hopes that this vital institution will be able to reopen its doors in a very short time. Hunter's Bank has, perhaps, done more toward the development of New Madrid County and toward putting that County on the map than any other agency. Through its vast resources much good has been done in that section which has in turn benefitted the entire section around it.

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The Standard is in receipt of the Eighteenth Anniversary Edition of the Dexter Statesman. It is a sixteen page paper, crammed with interesting news of yesterday as well as today and the usual Ed Crowe editorials which are always unusual. The Standard wishes Mr. Crowe and his Statesman the continued success which has been enjoyed in the past.

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A goodly part of the enthusiasm was taken from the Republican National Convention to meet at Kansas City in June, when the car load of whiskey and liquors intended for that event, was captured in St. Louis last week.

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It will be but a few hours now until those candidates with opposition can tell how their friends stood by them, or just how many liars there are in Sikeston.

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Go forth into the busy world and love it, interest yourself in its life, mingle kindly with its joys and sorrows, try what you can do for men rather than what you can make them do for you, and you will know what it is to have men yours, better than if you were their kind of master.—Brook Hereford.

IF YOU EVER BORROWED A CUP OF SUGAR

When you must borrow a cup of sugar or the use of the telephone or a little gas for the car, why do you unhesitatingly appeal to your neighbor?

Grocer, telephone company, filling station would eventually supply your need. But to meet the immediate contingency you call across the backyard fence. The sugar—and it's good sugar—is handed over. That's service, prompt, efficient, honest. But there's a certain something more to that little transaction—an indefinable something that can scarcely be described in the printed word or illustrated in a catalog. It's a feeling of mutual understanding and reciprocity, as of one who, having lived long among strangers, returns again to his own people; it's the same feeling that inspires this, and our similar messages to you. It's the Spirit of Neighborliness.

After all we're more than mere merchant and patron. We're neighbors. And if service, prompt, efficient, honest, is essential to true neighborliness—and we believe it is—that's the service that is sincerely offered by your local merchant.

Charley Blanton is getting either old or religion, for here of late he hasn't been one bit rough even with the most errant. Well, all his stuff is good whether it has a barbed-wire edge to it or not.—Dexter Statesman.

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Life affords no higher pleasure than that of surmounting difficulties, passing from one step of success to another, forming new wishes and seeing them gratified. He that labors in any great or laudable undertaking has his fatigues first supported by hope and afterwards rewarded by joy.—Dr. Johnson.

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Petitions for placing upon the ballot the $75,000,000 road bond proposition are being circulated in this and adjoining counties. Those who desire to see the Missouri road building program carried on at full speed are signing and circulating these petitions on the assurance of the Citizens' Road Bond Committee of which Maj. Lloyd C. Stark of Louisiana, is chairman, that no increases of taxation is involved in the proposition. The State Highway system can be completed in five years under the bond issue plan, and the bonds, both interest and principal, will be paid off from the money derived from the motor vehicle licenses and the tax on gasoline, without increasing these taxes and without any property tax whatever. Those who desire to circulate the petitions in their neighborhoods may obtain the blanks by writing the Citizens' Road Bond Committee, 1405 Federal Commerce Trust Building, St. Louis.

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Mr. and Mrs. Francis Webb spent Sunday in Kennett.

ELECTION TODAY TO BRING VOTERS OUT

Nineteen candidates will smillingly face the barrier this morning for an all-day races for the ten City offices which are to be filled today. Ten of these will wear extra smiles and receive the congratulations of friends tonight when the results of the election are announced.

Polls for the regular City election pen this morning at 6 o'clock and close at 7 tonight. Voters in the First Ward will poll at the City Hall, in the Second at oByers' Garage, the Third at the Scott County Motor Co. and in the Fourth at the Leslie Lumber Company.

Ed Fuchs, who was unopposed for he office of Mayor, said before the election Monday, "I have not made a very active campaign for re-election as my business interests lately have kept me busy, but I want the voters to know that I want their votes and that I really want the office".

S. N. Shepherd, candidate for re-election as City Collector stated, "If re-elected, I promise to discharge the duties of the office the best that I know how and I wish to point to my record while in office as an indication."

W. E. ("Cousin Ed") Hollingsworth says to the voters, "If elected to the office as your City Collector, I will endeavor to discharge the duties as such to the best of my ability and to give the office my personal attention".

W T. Cobb, the other candidate for the office of City Collector, has never held a city office here and promises to serve the voters to the best of his ability if elected.

Walter Kendall, who is running unopposed for Chief of Police, is doing so on his past record as an officer in that capacity.

Judge W. S. Smith, candidate for re-election as police judge, says, "I will fill the office, if re-elected, to the best of my ability as I have done in the past".

Judge Jos. W. Myers, who is also seeking the police judge office, said, "If elected I will be partial to none and will discharge to duties of the office as best my years of experience in this work will allow me to do".

Judge H. A. Walton, who has recently entered the race for police judge, says "I have not held office in Sikeston before and ask the voters to support me on the grounds that I will make them an efficient officer".

Roger Bailey, candidate for re-election as City Attorney, says, "I am seeking re-election as there are several important matters in City affairs which have been started while I have been in office and I would like to finsh them up as I believe I know most about them".

A. H. Haymes promises to give the office of City Attorney the same careful attention that he does his private practice if elected, he says, and states that in his several years of residence here, he has learned to like the town and wants to serve it.

Each of the candidates for alderman stated that he would fulfill the office to the best of his ability if elected except C. H. Denman. In a rude manner Mr. Denman told a Standard representative that he had no statement to make.

T. A. Wilson is unopposed for alderman of the First Ward.

Charles Hebbeler and J. T. Bruce are making the race in the Second Ward.

There is a three cornered race in the Third Ward between Emanuel F. Schorle, Judson Boardman and J. A. Poindexter.

In the Fourth Ward, F. F. Young and C. H. Denman are candidates.

Wilson, Bruce and Boardman are present aldermen who are running for re-election. Denman, also a member of the old Board, was appointed to fill an unexpired term of Clifford Gipson.

Indications for a close vote for many of the offices are more evident now than at any time previously. A large vote, considering the fact that there is no opposition for the office of Mayor, is now expected.

Garages reported a heavy business Saturday and Monday in getting automobiles greased and ready for heavy work today. The filling stations were also busy filling tanks which will, no doubt, be emptied by tonight.

The much talked of "dark horse" is out but he is out for an office which is in the main honorary and which is new for Sikeston. P. H. Stephenson's name will appear on the ballot for City Assessor. Mr. Stpehenson is the present City Clerk and this new office will be in line with his present duties. He will represent the City in cases where the books of the City and County do not agree as to assessments.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sheppard and Miss Hyacinth spent Saturday night and Sunday in Cairo with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Moll and family.

HA! HA!

Yes, Sir. Just scan over the abnormal prices used by others for bait, then come to the Sikeston Mercantile Company and we will sell it for less if we have it.

SEZ THE SIKESTONIAN

By I. C. SIKESTON

The pet squawk of a lot of people is that this section has gone to the bow-wows and that everybody is broke—just drive up Front Street any night and try and find a place to park your car.

—That is, any night except Sunday, there's lots of room then, but the highways and streets in Cape Girardeau are being used.

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Hint to young men with "bug" who are contemplating marriage. After all other methods have failed and you still think you cannot live without her, try this one final test. Put her in the back seat of your car and you sit in front, then drive five miles in any direction. If she makes no move to drive the car from her place—marry her at once, you have that ONE they are always talking about that is in every million.

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Did you ever stop and think how much of your time is taken up in waiting? You wait for trains, for dinner, for the show to start and for a lot of other things, but perhaps the best known wait is that fifteen minutes to an hour that the young man waits after the little sister has informed his date that he has arrived. We happened to overhear one of these young men greet his fiancee one night, after a thirty minute wait, like this:

"Well, I suppose I ought not complain; so far you have always got theday and the month right".

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A "buxom" lass is one that is fat only in the right places.

CIRCUIT COURT NEWS

Since the last report in the County paper the following proceedings have been had in the Circuit Court:

State vs Sam Micthell, felonious assault, trial by jury, verdict of guilty and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

State vs Ralph Wilson, burglary and larceny, trial by jury, verdict of guilty, and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Naturalization petition of Mary Catherine Gertrude Keusenkothen, papers granted.

Mrs. Ida Mason Bone, guardian of Urban Mason vs. Emory Mason, J. R. Joyce and G. W. Layton, note, judgment by default, $2343.13.

Grover White vs William Bolen, replevin, judgment for costs against appellant.

Commercial Credit Co., a corp., vs Henry Comer, defd.. Walker-Whippett Co., Inc., garnishee, account, judgment for plaintiff for $60.

Elsie Menz vs Estate of Lawrence Lux, Dec., demand against estate change of venue to Cape Girardeau Court of Common Pleas.

Emil E. Dohogne vs Louis Halter, Jr., note, judgment by default, $387.66.

Louis Halter, Jr., vs J. S. Campbell, note, judgment by default, $270.27.

The Aeolian Company of Missouri, a corp., vs G. F. Callihan, an individual, doing business under the name of Callihans Electric Shop, account, judgment by default, $542.82.

J. F. Houlehan vs S. P. Reynolds, notes, judgment by default, $1907.43.

C. M. Smith & Sons vs Joseph H. Stubbs, Jr., contract, judgment for plaintiff.

CASES CONTINUED

State vs Frank Crews, selling liquor.

State vs Levy Tally and George Doe, selling whiskey.

State vs Wm. R. Allen, leaving scene of accident.

State vs Frank Compas, receiving deposits in insolvent bank.

Robert L. Thomson vs George F. H. Coy, W. L. Zimmerman and J. W. Allen, damages.

State vs Frank Compas, receiving deposits in insolvent bank.

State vs Frank Crews, selling liquor.

Leo Dumey vs Joe Morie, John oMire, Joe A. LeGrand and Edward Eichhorn, note.

Thompson McGuire vs Eva McGuire Harris, Cecil C. Harris, Lillian McGuire Schrand, Richard Schrand and Cordelia McGuire, partition of real estate.

CASES DISMISSED

Lois Wendell, a minor, by Ida Wendell, next friend, vs J. B. Moore, malicious prosecution.

D. A. Chapin vs A. J. Nichols and Amanda Nichols, note.

Myrtle Myers vs Bryan Myers, divorce.

Ed Schwartz vs St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Co., a corp., damages.

The Diehlstadt Bank, a corp., vs J. Louis Cox, Defd., Bank of Sikeston, garnishee, note.

DECRESS GRANTED

Mary S. Cox vs Lovelle R. Cox, divorce.

Grace Lee Ervin vsEdward Hardin Ervin, divorce.

Effie Feltner vs F. M. Feltner, divorce.

Alice Maschino vs Frnak Maschino diovrce.

Ortance K. Enbank, by next friend, vs William Henry Eubank, divorce.

Dorothy May Watson vs Cecil Early Watson, divorce.—Benton Democrat.

SELLS 84 POLICIES

C. L. Malone, local agent for the Travelers' Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., made a record sale of eighty-four accident and health policies in two days time to employees of the Scott County Milling Company. These policies are under the blanket plan, whereby the Milling Company takes charge of the premium payments. This makes a total of more than 100 policies sold by Mr. Malone to employees of the mill.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS TO MEET

The Young Democrat's Jefferson Club of Missouri is to hold its fourth annual banquet at the Baltimore Hotel in Kansas City Saturday, April 14. From present indications, says word from headquarters, a large number will be on hand that night. Temporary headquarters of the Club have been opened at the Baltimore Hotel.

TO OPERATE TRUCK LINE

Rube Coleman has announced that beginning about April 18, he will operate a truck freight line between here and St. Louis. He intends to haul produce and garden stuff to the St. Louis market. Those having garden truck, etc., may get in touch with him. Mr. Coleman will announce his schedule next week.

COUNCIL MEETS

The last session of the old City Council was to have been held Monday night at the City Hall. The City Attorney has drawn up a revision for Section 8 of the fire ordinance which will be submitted. This has to do with the using of wood shingles for roofing material. Routine matters were also scheduled.

NOTICE!

While we do not have any objections to the people of this community using our poles as a support for advertising matter, we wish to call your attention to the fact that the practice of using tacks to hold your cards and bills on them is very dangerous to our linemen.

These tacks have caused numerous falls, some resulting seriously, by the lineman's climber striking a tack head and slipping off the pole.

If you wish to use these poles to post your advertising matter, please use a string to hold the card or poster in place by passing it around the pole and through the card.

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To make our dreams of a greater community come true, we must start to build from the very foundation. Confidence in our home institutions, as evidenced by our trade relations with them, is the cornerstone—careful and conscientious regard for our credit standing in our dealings, and a willingness to do our full share in any and every enterprise that tends to the good of our community, are the materials we should use in our building, if it is to outlast the ages.

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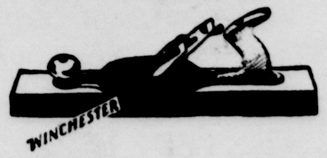

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Alderman, Second Ward—
CHARLES HEBBELER

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Alderman, Fourth Ward—
F. F. YOUNG
CLINT H. DENMAN

For Constable in Richland Twp.
BROWN JEWELL

Subject to Republican primary.

For County Surveyor
JAMES A. COLLIER

NEW MADRID COUNTY

For Treasurer
Subject to Democratic Primary
WADE TUCKER

There has been considerable pussy-footing going on to defeat candidates who are willing to give the voters themselves an opportunity to pass on the Sunday picture show proposition. When part of our people refuse the others a hearing at the polls, then how can any question be settled. The Standard would like to see the question settled by a vote, and then it will be settled for good, but until it is settled at the polls the ghost will arise again.

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The Standard is glad to note that a revival is under way at the Methodist Church. We shall hope that it will be successful beyond expectation. We hope, too, that the good minister will reconvert some of his flock now carried on the saved roll to such an extent that they will observe the Golden Rule, will try harder to pay their bills, will be more considerate of their fellow man, and set the balance of we sinners a better example in the future than in the past.

THE ROOFERS ARRIVE

The first robin is no more regular in his annual arrival than the out-of-town roofer.

Soon these smooth spoken gentlemen will circulate among our property owners extolling the virtues of the particular brand of roll roofing or shingles that they sell and assuring us that a roof put on by them will cost less, last longer and look better than any other roof in the world. They will offer terms of a few dollars down and balance in monthly payments that will be hard for us to resist.

Undoubtedly, many of these out-of-town roofing contractors make a product that will live up to every claim made for it, but these are two things that we all ought to consider before we sign any orders for roofing.

Right in this town of ours there are one or more competent contractors who specialize in laying roofs. The lumber yard can put you in touch with them, and community spirit and sense of fairness from neighbors should entitle these local cnotractors to an opportunity of at least bidding on our new roofs. Furthermore, it's only a matter of good business to check up as to whether the out-of-town roofer's price is really low by getting a competitive bid.

Finally, even if the out-of-town price is the lowest, we must consider whether it is enough lower to warrant seeking settlement at long distance in the event that the roof does not give permanent satisfaction. It is worth something to have the man that laid our roof and the lumber yard that sold him the material right where we can call them both on the carpet if anything goes wrong.

We hold no brief for roofers—local or out-of-town. We buy as cheaply as we can consistent with quality and have only admiration for our townsfolk who buy as well or better. The only thought that we wish to convey is that sometimes the lowest price comes from closest to home and always when a transaction involves a possibility of future service the "bird in the hand is worth two in the bush".

It looks mighty good to see so many young chickens coming into this section. It means that more families will have an every-day income when these pullets get to maturity. Now is the time to use care and precaution in getting these chicks started off right. The old-fashioned way of throwing out a few spoonsful of corn meal dough is past. The commercial feed as prepared by the Scott County Mill Co. and other scientific chick feed packers. contains all the ingredients to get the most growth and the earliest maturity. That is what counts. Thrifty growing chicks are the ones that bring in the most dollars. Give them the proper attention now and they will give you good returns later.

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We understand there is some talk of voting against the increase in school levy owing to dissatisfaction with the stand the Board has taken on the use of the Auditorium. If the proposition is beaten at this time it will be necessary for the Board to call for another election on the increase, or cut out some of the teachers, lock up the auditorium, close the Manual Training and Domestic Science Departments, and otherwise handicap the entire school program, which is out of the question. We shall vote for the increase.

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If Wilbur Glenn Volvia still thinks the earth is flat, he ought to go out automobile riding some time.—New York Evening Post.

BUY COWS!

It has been agreed by experts that Southeast Missouri is a good place for dairying. It has been pointed out that since the average farmer spends only about 100 days of the year at his crops he has 265 days to do his fence repairing, etc. This 265 days can be used to a far greater advantage—and that in the keeping of a few dairy cows on the place. The extra money received in this manner can be used, that is not denied.

At the present time local concerns can use much more milk and cream from this district than they are now getting—and moreover that market is growing. Cheese factories, milk condenseries and other dairy product concerns are always on the lookout for favorable locations. There is no reason why Sikeston should not have one of these insttiutions. The Sikeston Trust Company has taken the lead toward financing the raising of cows here and Hebbeler Brothers have also been active toward making this a dairy center. If you can use the extra money—buy a few cows and keep them around the place.

The editor is in reciept of the following from Steele, Mo. "To the writer of 'Sidelights on the Democratic Convention' at St. Joe appearing in the Friday, March 2 Standard.

"Might a female citizen venture to suggest that in the future you invest your $16.00 in two front row seats at a first night performance of Ziegfeld's Follies, and send to the convention in your stead, a well qualified woman who has her mind upon the 'needs of the nation' instead of the 'knees of the delegates', and who will not require the male candidates to qualify as matinee idols or screen favorites."

Yessum.

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The editor has heard quite a good deal of complaint of late by older people over the failure of boys and girls, principally high school students, failisg to speak to them. It is not so much that they care to be paid any special attention, but shows bad manners on the part of the youngsters, and is a reflection upon their parents. We do not know that there are many young people in town who have reached a pinnacle intelletcually or otherwise, which places them in a class to themselves or superior to average people. In most instances, we believe, this habit of ignoring their elders is merely caused by carelessness or indifference, either of which is a serious and unexcusable habit or state Young people are judged largely by little things. They may propriety occasionally, but politeness be expected to step over the line of is expected from all boys and girls who have had any worthwhile environments, either at home or in school. Be polite, it pays, and requires little effort.—Jackson Cash-Book.

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We observe that our competitor took the money and printed the story of a half-baked woman that she could cure cancer, goiter, blindness, etc. The Standard needed the money, too. but not bad enough to be a party to such a nonsensical farce.

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The Standard failed to state how Alderman Boardman voted on the Sunday picture show. He voted against giving the people a chance to say what they wanted, and if elected again will be the same way.

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This is not personal, but just a potgutted fact. If there had been more Sunday night pictures throughout the country and fewer petting parties along the by-ways, there would have been fewer hurry-up weddings and premature babies.

LIGHT PUBLIC HIGHWAYS AS BIG STEP IN MISSOURI'S FARM ELECTRIFICATION

Illumination of State and public highways would be an important step toward the electrification of farms, in the opinion of Owen D. Young, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the General Electric Company. Once the lines are extended for lighting the highways, it would be a simple matter to supply electricity to the farms on or near the roads, Mr. Young says.

On a basis of $35,000 per mile for road construction, the cost of lighting Missouri highways would be about 2 per cent of the highway investment, it is estimated. This could be provided by a small tax on automobiles, and a comparatively small amount of State aid, Mr. Young suggests.

"If the farmers, power companies, and State Department of Highways will co-operate, the problem is solved", Mr. Young declared. "Co-operation is essential to success. Neither group working alone can produce maximum results".

One of the farmer's great problems—the marketing of fruit and produce—will be simplified with the electrification of farms, Mr. Young says. With electricity on the farm will come electric refrigeration plants, either co-operatively owned by farmers in one section, or smaller ones on the farms, so that the farmer can temporarily store his fruit and other produce during periods of low demand and hold it for an active seller's market, he points out.

"The farmer will then have virtually all of the benefits of city residents", Young declared. "He can have electric lights, electrically-driven labor-saving devices, and electric household apliances. He will have his telephone. He will be able to keep in touch with the markets by telephone and radio, and hold his products for best prices. He will have his radio for entertainment. He will be assured that the highways leading from his farm to the city will always be well lighted and free from danger".

Research into the problem of electrification of Missouri farms and the cost of using electric energy on farms is now being made by the Missouri Committee On the Relation of Electricity to Agriculture, of which Dean F. B. Mumford, of the State College of Agriculutre, is Chairman.

FERTILIZER IN HILLS SOFT CORN INSURANCE

Fertilizer is valuable from two standpoints. It increases the yield and hastens the maturity of the crop, according to experiments that have been carried on at various experimen stations. The fertilizer, a 3-12-4 mixture, was applied in the hills with an attachment on the corn planter. These attachments have been improved to a point where they will deposit the fertilizer in the hill but not touching the seed, thus eliminating any danger of injury to the seed when sprouting. At the Ohio station, the silking date was hastened three weeks by fertilizer applied in this manner, maturing corn of excellent quality while most of the corn in that section was not ripe when frost came, due to the unfavorable season of 1927.

THIS WEEK IN MO. HISTORY

The problem of the care and relief of Missouri's insane has always been one of great humanitarian importance, and the act establishing State Hospitals No. 4, at Farmington, is a noteworthy step in this program. It was on April 4, 1889 that this act was approved.

As early as 1847 Missouri had created its first State Hospital at Fulton. A second hospital was established at St. Joseph in 1872, and a third at Nevada in 1887. The state's facilities for the care of the insane were even then inadequate, so it was decided to erect a fourth hospital in the southeastern part of the State.

An appropriation of $150,000 was made for this hospital, and Farmington was selected as its site. A careful study of many institutions for the care of insane revealed that the grouping of large numbers of patients into a few large buildings prevented proper classification for treatment, and the lack of segregation was detrimental to the welfare of the papatients. As a result, it was planned to erect cottages capable of accommodating sixty persons each, the second story to be used for sleeping quarters and the first for living quarters. Dining halls were to be entirely independent of the cottages. Although this plan of operation is more expensive than the former it is far more desirable from the standpoint of the patient. A greater degree of individual care is possible and a more comfortable and home like atmosphere is naturally conducive to health, both mental and physical.

On January 7, 1903 the hospital was opened to patients. and in August one hundred and twenty were transferred from Hospital No. 1 at Fulton, in order to relieve the congestion there. Previous to that time seventy-one had already been received, so it began functioning almost immediately with a fair sized quota of patients. This number has steadily increased and there are now approximately 900.

The past few years have brought many improvements in the treatment of the insane, and the introduction of highly scientific methods has wrought many cures. Hydrotherapy, occupational therapy, violet ray, X-ray, and radium treatments combined with thorough and careful nursing result in an increasing percentage of patients discharged. Outdoor exercise and the enforecment of health habits are also advantageous. In every way possible it is intended to provide all the comforts of home life as well as the curative advantages of institutional care.

Because of its faovrable climatic location as well as its many other facilities this hospital was chosen by the national government as suitable for the care of ex-service men. Provision has also been made for the care of tubercular patients by the erection of a building separate from the others for their exclusive use.

There is a life that is worth living now as it was worth living in the former days, and that is the honest life, the useful life, the unselfish life, cleansed by devotion to an ideal. There is a battle that is worth fighting now as it was worth fighting then, and that is the battle for justice and equality; to make our city and our state free in fact as well as in name; to break the rings that strangle real liberty and keep them broken; to cleanse so far as in our power lies, the fountains of our national life from social, political and commercial corruption; to teach our sons and daughters, by precept and example, the honor of serving such a country as America—that is work worthy of the finest womanhood and manhood. The well-born are those who are born to do that work; the well bred are those who are bred to be proud of that work; the well-educated are those who see deepest into the meaning and necessity of that work. Nor shall their labor be for naught, nor the reward of their sacrifice fail them; for high in the firmament of human destiny are set the stars of faith in mankind, and unselfish courage and loyalty to the dead.—Henry Van Dyke.

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About the only thing the Senate is not investigating at present is the informatory double in auction bridge.—Arkansas Gazette.

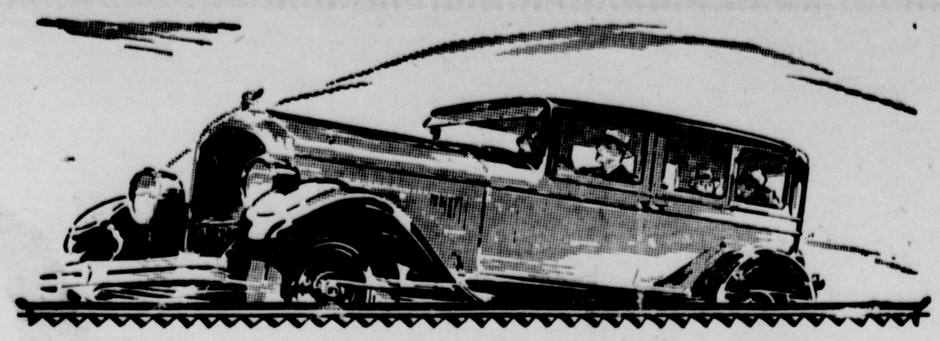
Any person who takes a paper regularly from the post office, whether directed to his name or another, or whether he has subscribed for it or not, is responsible for the pay. If a person orders his paper discontinued, he must pay all arrearages or the publisher may continue to send it until payment is made, and collect the whole amount, whether it is taken from the office or not. The courts have decided that refusing to take newspapers or periodicals from the post office or removing and leaving them uncalled for,is prima facie evidence of intentional fraud.—Missouri Publisher.

First-hand knowledge does not become second-hand when used.—Christian Science Monitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Randol Wilson and Mrs. Tom Allen motored to Cape Girardeau, Wednesday.

A movie star is said to have celebrated his tenth wedding anniversary recently, but of course it may have been the anniversary of his tenth wedding.—Detroit News.

The W. C. T. U. meeting celebrating Union Signal Day at the home of Mrs. John Young, was well attended and the program under the direction of Mrs. Harvey Morrison, was fine and very much enjoyed.



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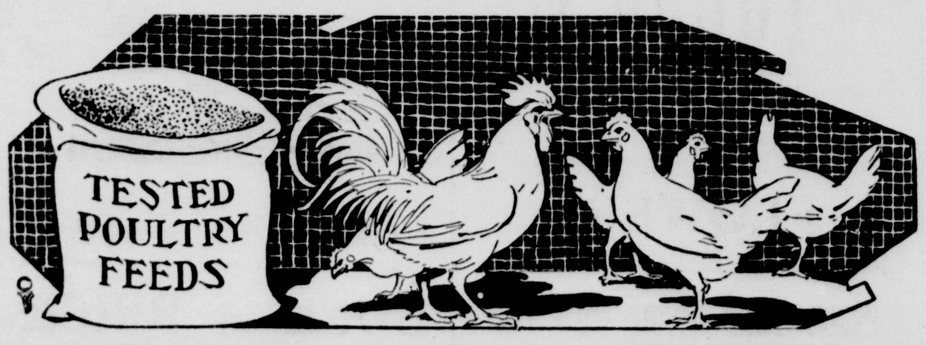

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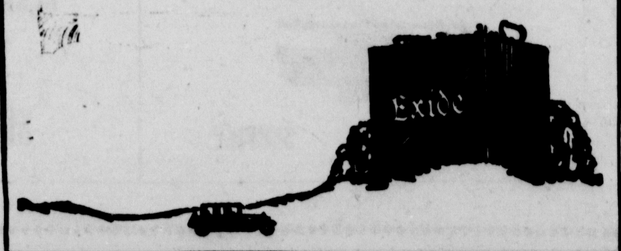

The Bat

A Novel from the Play

By Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood

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"I think she knows more than she's telling. She's concealing something!" he said, with deadly intentness. "The nephew of the president of the Union bank—shot in his own house the day the bank has failed—that's queer enough—" Now he turned back to Miss Cornelia. "But when the only person present at his murder is the girl who's engaged to the guilty cashier!" he continued, watching Miss Cornelia's face as the full force of his words sank into her mind, "I want to know more about it!"

He stopped. His right hand moved idly over the edge of the table—halted

"I Think She Knows More Than She's Telling."

beside an ash tray—closed upon something.

Miss Cornelia arose.

"Is that true, Dale?" she said, sorrowfully.

Dale nodded. "Yes." She could not trust herself to explain at greater length.

Then Miss Cornelia made one of the most magnificent gestures of her life.

"Well, even if it is—what has that got to do with it?" she said, turning upon Anderson, fiercely, all her protective instinct for those whom she loved aroused.

Anderson seemed somewhat unimpressed by the fierceness of her query. When he went on, it was with less harshness in his manner.

"I'm not accusing this girl," he said, more gently. "But behind every crime there is a motive. When we've found the motive for this crime, we'll have found the criminal."

Unobserved, Dale's hand instinctively went to her bosom. There it lay—the motive—the precious fragment of blue-print which she had torn from Fleming's grasp but an instant before he was shot down. Once Anderson found it in her possession—the case was closed—the evidence against her overwhelming. She could not destroy it—it was the only clew to the hidden room and the truth that might clear Jack Bailey. But, somehow, she must hide it—get it out of her hands—before Anderson's third-degree methods broke her down or he insisted on a search of her person. Her eyes roved wildly about the room, looking for a hiding place.

The rain of Anderson's questions began anew.

"What papers did Fleming burn in that grate?" he asked abruptly, turning back to Dale.

"Papers!" she faltered.

"Papers! The ashes are still there."

Miss Cornelia made an unavailing interruption.

"Miss Ogden has said he didn't come into this room."

The detective smiled.

"I hold in my hand proof that he was in this room for some time," he said, coldly, displaying the half-burnt cigarette he had taken from the ash-tray a moment before.

"His cigarette—with his monogram on it." He put the fragment of tobacco and paper carefully away in an envelope and marched over to the fireplace. There he rummaged among the ashes for a moment, like a dog uncovering a bone. He returned to the center of the room with a fragment of blackened blue paper fluttering between his fingers.

"A fragment of what is technically known as a blue-print," he announced. "What were you and Richard Fleming doing with a blue-print?" His eyes bored into Dale's.

Dale hesitated—shut her lips.

"Now, think it over!" he warned. "The truth will come out, sooner or later! Better be frank now!"

"If he only knew how I wanted to be—he wouldn't be so cruel," thought Dale wearily. "But I can't—I can't!" Then her heart gave a throb of relief. Jack had come back into the room—Jack and Billy—Jack would protect her! But even as she thought of this, her heart sang again. Protect her, indeed! Poor Jack! He would find it hard enough to protect himself, if once this terrible man with the cold smile and steely eyes started questioning him.

Bailey made his report, breathlessly. "Nothing in the house, sir."

Billy's impassive lips confirmed him. "We go all over house—nobody!"

Nobody—nobody in the house! And yet—the mysterious ringing of the phone—the groans Miss Cornelia had heard! Were old wives' tales and witches' fables true, after all? Did a power—merciless—evil—exist, outside the barriers of the flesh—blasting that trembling flesh with a cold breath from beyond the portals of the grave? There seemed to be no other explanation.

"You men stay here!" said the detective. "I want to ask you some questions." He doggedly returned to his third-degreeing of Dale.

"Now what about this blue-print?" he queried sharply.

Dale stiffened in her chair. Her lies had failed. Now she would tell a portion of the truth—as much of it as she could without menacing Jack.

"I'll tell you just what happened," she began. "I sent for Richard Fleming—and when he came, I asked him if he knew where there were any blue-prints of the house."

The detective pounced eagerly upon her admission.

"Why did you want blue-prints?" he thundered.

"Because," Dale took a long breath, "I believe old Mr. Fleming took the money himself from the Union bank and hid it here."

"Where did you get that idea?"

"Because I'd heard there was a hidden room in this house."

The detective leaned forward intently.

"Did you locate that room?"

Dale hesitated.

"No."

"Then why did you burn the blue-prints?"

Dale's nerve was crumbling—breaking—under the repeated, monotonous impact of his questions.

"He burned them!" she cried wildly, "I don't know why!"

The detective paused an instant, then returned to a previous query.

"Then you didn't locate this hidden room?"

Dale's lips formed a pale "No."

"Did he?" went on Anderson, inexorably.

Dale stared at him, dully—the breaking point had come. Another question—another—and she would no longer be able to control herself. She would sob out the truth hysterically—that Brooks, the gardener, was Jack Bailey, the missing cashier—that the scrap of blue-print hidden in the bosom of her dress might unravel the secret of the hidden room—that—

But just as she felt herself, sucked of strength, beginning to slide toward a black, tingling pit of merciful oblivion, Miss Cornelia provided a diversion.

"What's that?" she said, in a startled voice, staring toward the French windows.

All eyes followed the direction of her stare. There was an instant of silence.

Then, suddenly, traveling swiftly from right to left, across the shades of the French windows, there appeared a glowing circle of brilliant white light. Inside the circle was a black, distorted shadow—a shadow like the shadow of a gigantic black bat! It was there—then a second later, it was gone!

"Oh, my God!" wailed Lizzie from her corner. "It's the Bat—that's his sign!"

Jack Bailey made a dash for the terrace door. But Miss Cornelia halted him, peremptorily.

"Wait, Brooks!" She turned to the detective. "Mr. Anderson, you are familiar with the sign of the Bat. Did that look like it?"

The detective seemed both puzzled and disturbed.

"Well—it looked like the shadow of a bat—I'll say that for it," he said, finally.

On the heels of his words the front door bell began to ring. All turned in the direction of the hall.

"I'll answer that!" said Jack Bailey, eagerly.

Miss Cornelia gave him the key of the front door.

"Don't admit anyone till you know who it is," she said. Bailey nodded, and disappeared into the hall.

There was the click of an opening door—the noise of a little scuffle—then men's voices raised in an angry dispute. "What do I know about a flash-light?" cried an irritated voice, "I haven't got a pocket-flash—take your hands off me!" Bailey's voice answered the other voice, grim, threatening. The scuffle resumed.

Then Doctor Wells burst suddenly into the room, closely followed by Bailey. The doctor's tie was askew—he looked ruffled and enraged. Bailey followed him, vigilantly, not quite sure whether to allow him to enter or not.

"My dear Miss Van Gorder," began the doctor in tones of high dudgeon. "Won't you instruct your servants that even if I do make a late call, I am not to be received with violence?"

"I asked you if you had a pocket-flash about you!" answered Bailey, indignantly. "If you call a question like that, violence—" He seemed about to restrain the doctor by physical force.

Miss Cornelia quelled the teacup-tempest.

"It's all right, Brooks," she said, taking the front-door key from his hand and putting it back on the table. She turned to Doctor Wells.

"You see, Doctor Wells," she explained, "just a moment before you rang the door-bell, a circle of white light was thrown on those window shades."

The doctor laughed, with a certain relief.

"Why, that was probably the search-light from my car!" he said. "I noticed as I drove up that it fell directly on that window."

Miss Cornelia was not entirely at ease.

"In the center of this ring of light," she proceeded, her eyes on the doctor's calm countenance, "was an almost perfect silhouette of a bat."

"A bat!" The doctor seemed at sea. "Ah, I see—the symbol of the criminal of that name." He laughed again.

"I think I can explain what you saw. Quite often my lamps collect insects at night—and a large moth, spread on the glass, would give precisely the effect you speak of. Just to satisfy you, I'll go out and take a look."

He turned to do so. Then he caught sight of the raincoat-covered huddle on the floor.

"Why . . ." he said, in a voice that mingled astonishment with horror. He paused. His glance slowly traversed the circle of silent faces.

CHAPTER VII

Billy Practices Jiu-Jitsu

"We have had a very sad occurrence here, Doctor," said Miss Cornelia, gently.

The doctor braced himself.

"Who?"

"Richard Fleming."

"Richard Fleming?" gasped the doctor, in tones of incredulous horror.

"Shot and killed from that staircase," said Miss Cornelia, tonelessly.

The doctor knelt beside the huddle on the floor. He removed the fold of the raincoat that covered the face of the corpse and stared at the dead, blank mask. Till a moment ago, even at the height of his irritation with Bailey, he had been blithe and offhand—a man who seemed comparatively young for his years. Now age seemed to fall upon him, suddenly, like a gray, clinging dust—he looked stricken and feeble under the impact of this unexpected shock.

"Shot and killed from that stairway," he repeated, dully. He rose from his knees and glanced at the fatal stairs. Then:

"What was Richard Fleming doing in this house at this hour?" he said.

He spoke to Miss Cornelia but Anderson answered the question.

"That's what I'm trying to find out," he said, with a saturnine smile.

The doctor gave him a look of astonished inquiry. Miss Cornelia remembered her manners.

"Doctor—this is Mr. Anderson."

"Headquarters," said Anderson, tersely, shaking hands.

Miss Cornelia addressed Doctor Wells.

"I didn't tell you, doctor—I sent for a detective this afternoon." Then, with mounting suspicion, "You happened in very opportunely!"

The doctor pulled himself together.

"After I left the Johnsons' I felt very uneasy," he explained. "I determined to make one more effort to get you away from this house. As this shows—my fears were justified!"

He shook his head, sadly. Miss Cornelia sat down. His last words had given her food for thought. She wanted to mull them over for a moment.

The doctor took out his handkerchief and began to mop his face, as if to wipe away some strain of mental excitement under which he was laboring. His breath came quickly—the muscles of his jaw stood out.

"Died instantly, I suppose?" he said, looking over at the body. "Didn't have time to say anything?"

"Ask the young lady," said Anderson, with a jerk of his head. "She was here when it happened."

The doctor gave Dale a feverish glance of inquiry.

"He just fell over," said the latter pitifully. Her answer seemed to relieve the doctor of some unseen weight on his mind. He drew a long breath, and turned back toward Fleming's body with comparative calm.

"Mr. Anderson," he said, with dignified pleading, "I ask you to use your influence to see that these two ladies find some safer spot than this for the night."

Lizzie bounced up from her chair, instanter.

"Two?" she wailed. "If you know any safe spot, lead me to it!"

The doctor overlooked her sudden eruption into the scene. He wandered back again toward the huddle under the raincoat, as if still unable to believe that it was—or rather had been—Richard Fleming.

Miss Cornelia spoke suddenly, in a low voice, without moving a muscle of her body.

"I have a strange feeling that I'm being watched by unfriendly eyes," she said.

Lizzie clutched at her across the table.

"I wish the lights would go out again!" she pattered. "No, I don't either!" as Miss Cornelia gave the clutching hand a nervous little slap.

During the little interlude of comedy, Billy, the Japanese, unwatched by the others, had stolen to the French windows, pulled aside a blind, looked out. When he turned back to the room, his face had lost a portion of its oriental calm—there was suspicion in his eyes. Softly, under cover of pretending to arrange the tray of food that lay untouched on the table, he possessed himself of the

Pulled Aside a Blind and Looked Out.

key of the front door, unperceived by the rest, and slipped out of the room like a ghost.

Meanwhile the detective confronted Doctor Wells.

"You say, doctor, that you came back to take these women away from the house. Why?"

The doctor gave him a dignified stare.

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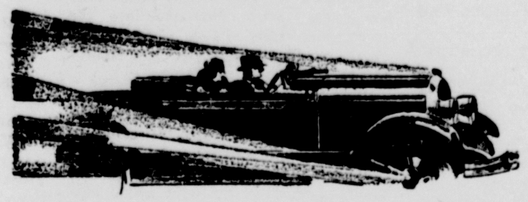

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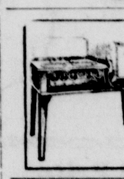

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The Bat

A Novel from the Play

By
Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood

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"Miss Van Gorder has already explained."

Miss Cornelia elucidated. "Mr. Anderson has already found a theory of the crime," she said with a trace of sarcasm in her tones.

The detective turned on her quickly. "I haven't said that." He started.

It had come again—tinkling—persistent—the phone-call from nowhere—the ringing of the bell of the house telephone!

"The house telephone—again!" breathed Dale. Miss Cornelia made a movement to answer the tinkling, inexplicable bell. But Anderson was before her.

"I'll answer that!" he barked. He sprang to the phone.

"Hello—hello—"

All eyes were bent on him, nervously—the doctor's face, in particular, seemed a very study in fear and amazement. He clutched the back of a chair to support himself—his hand was the trembling hand of a sick, old man.

"Hello—hello—" Anderson swore impatiently. He hung up the phone.

"There's nobody there!"

Again a chill breath from another world than ours seemed to brush across the faces of the little group in the living room.

A light came into Anderson's eyes. "Where's that Jap?" he almost shouted.

"He just went out," said Miss Cornelia. The cold fear—the fear of the unearthly—subsided from around Dale's heart—leaving her shaken, but more at peace.

The detective turned swiftly to the doctor, as if to put his case before the eyes of an unprejudiced witness.

"That Jap rang the phone," he said, decisively. "Miss Van Gorder believes that this murder is the culmination of the series of mysterious happenings that caused her to send for me. I do not."

"Then what is the significance of the anonymous letters?" broke in Miss Cornelia heatedly. "Of the man Lizzie saw going up the stairs, of the attempt to break into this house—of the ringing of that telephone bell?"

Anderson replied with one deliberate word.

"Terrorization," he said.

The doctor moistened his dry lips in an effort to speak.

"By whom?" he asked.

Anderson's voice was an icicle.

"I imagine, by Miss Van Gorder's own servants. By that woman there," he pointed at Lizzie, who rose indignantly to deny the charge. But he gave her no time for denial. He rushed on, "who probably writes the letters," he continued. "By the gardener," his pointing finger found Bailey, "who may have been the man Lizzie saw slipping up the stairs. By the Jap, who goes out and rings the telephone," he concluded triumphantly.

Miss Cornelia seemed unimpressed by his fervor.

"With what object?" she queried smoothly.

"That's what I'm going to find out!" There was determination in Anderson's reply.

Miss Cornelia sniffed "Absurd! The butler was in his room when the telephone rang for the first time."

The thrust pierced Anderson's armor. For once he seemed at a loss. Here was something he had omitted from his calculations. But he did not give up. He was about to retort when—crash! thud!—the noise of a violent struggle in the hall outside drew all eyes to the hall door.

An instant later, the door slammed open, and a disheveled young man in evening clothes was catapulted into the living room as if slung there by a giant's arm. He tripped and fell to the floor in the center of the room. Billy stood in the doorway behind him, inscrutable, arms folded, on his face an expression of mild satisfaction as if he were demurely pleased with a neat piece of housework, neatly carried out.

The young man picked himself up, brushed off his clothes, sought for his hat, which had rolled under the table. Then he turned on Billy furiously.

"D—n you—what do you mean by this?"

"Jiu-jitsu," said Billy, his yellow face quite untroubled. "Pretty good stuff. Found on terrace with searchlight," he added.

"With searchlight?" barked Anderson.

The young man turned to face his new enemy.

"Well, why shouldn't I be on the terrace with a searchlight?" he demanded.

The detective moved toward him, menacingly.

"Who are you?"

"Who are you?" said the young man, with cool impertinence, giving him stare for stare.

Anderson did not deign to reply, in so many words. Instead he displayed the police badge which glittered on the inside of the right lapel of his coat.

The young man examined it coolly.

"H'm," he said. "Very pretty—nice neat design—very chaste!" He took out a cigarette case and opened it, seemingly entirely unimpressed by both the badge and Anderson. The detective chafed.

"If you've finished admiring my badge," he said with heavy sarcasm, I'd like to know what you were doing down on the terrace."

The young man hesitated—shot an odd, swift glance at Dale who, ever since his abrupt entrance into the room, had been sitting rigid in her chair with her hands clenched tightly together.

"I've had some trouble with my car, down the road," he said finally. He glanced at Dale again. "I came to ask if I might telephone."

"Did it require a searchlight to find the house?" Miss Cornelia asked suspiciously.

"Look here," the young man blustered, "why are you asking me all these questions?" He tapped his cigarette case with an irritated air.

"What's your name?" Anderson said sternly.

"Beresford—Reginald Beresford," said the young man sulkily. "If you doubt it—I've probably got a card somewhere—" He began to run through his pockets.

"What's your business?" went on the detective.

"What's my business here?" queried the young man, obviously fencing with his interrogator.

"No—how do you earn your living?" said Anderson sharply.

"I don't," said the young man flippantly. "I may have to begin now, if that is of any interest to you. As a matter of fact, I've studied law, but—"

The one word was enough to start Lizzie off on another trail of distrust. "He may be a lawyer—" she quoted to herself sepulchrally, from the evening newspaper article that had dealt with the mysterious identity of the Bat.

"And you came here to telephone about your car?" persisted the detective.

Dale rose from her chair, with a hopeless little sigh.

"Oh, don't you see—he's trying to protect me," she said wearily. She turned to the young man. "It's no use, Mr. Beresford."

Beresford's air of flippancy vanished.

"I see," he said. He turned to the others, frankly. "Well, the plain truth is—I didn't know the situation—and I thought I'd play safe for Miss Ogden's sake."

Miss Cornelia moved over to her niece, protectingly. She put a hand on Dale's shoulder, to reassure her, and turned to Anderson calmly.

"He doesn't know anything about—this," she said, indicating Beresford. "He brought Mr. Fleming here in his car—that's all."

Anderson looked at Beresford for confirmation.

"Is that true?"

"Yes," said Beresford. He started to explain. "I got tired of waiting and so I—"

The detective broke in curtly.

"All right."

He took a step toward the alcove.

"Now, doctor." He nodded at the huddle beneath the raincoat. Beresford followed his glance—and saw the ominous heap for the first time.

"What's that?" he said tersely. No one answered him. The doctor was already on his knees beside the body drawing the raincoat gently aside. Beresford stared at the shape thus revealed with frightened eyes. The color left his face.

"That's not—Dick Fleming—is it?" he said thickly.

Anderson slowly nodded his head. Beresford seemed unable to believe his eyes.

"If you've looked over the ground," said the doctor in a low voice to Anderson, "I'll move the body where we can have a better light." His right hand fluttered swiftly over Fleming's still, clenched fist—extracted from it a torn corner of paper. . . .

Still Beresford did not seem to be able to take in what had happened. He took another step toward the body.

"Do you mean to say that Dick Fleming—" he began. Anderson silenced him with an uplifted hand.

"What have you got there, Doctor?" he said in a still voice.

The doctor, still on his knees beside the corpse, lifted his head.

"What do you mean?"

"You took something, just then, out of Fleming's hand," said the detective.

"I took nothing out of his hand," said the doctor firmly.

Anderson's manner grew peremptory.

"I warn you not to obstruct the course of justice!" he said, forcibly. "Give it here!"

The doctor rose, slowly, dusting off his knees. His eyes tried to meet Anderson's and failed. He produced a torn corner of blue-print.

"Why, it's only a scrap of paper—nothing at all," he said, evasively.

Anderson looked at him meaningly.

"Scraps of paper are sometimes very important," he said, with a side glance at Dale.

The doctor motioned nervously.

"As the coroner—if Mr. Anderson is satisfied—I suggest that the body be taken where I can make a thorough examination," he said haltingly.

Once more Anderson bent over the shell that had been Richard Fleming. He turned the body half over—let it sink back on its face. For a moment he glanced at the corner of the blue-print in his hand—then at the doctor. Then he stood aside.

"All right," he said laconically.

So Richard Fleming left the room where he had been struck down so suddenly and strangely—borne out by Beresford, the doctor and Jack Bailey. The little procession moved as swiftly and softly as circumstances would permit—Anderson followed its passage with watchful eyes. For perhaps a dozen ticks of time, Dale was left unwatched—and she made the most of her opportunity.

Her fingers fumbled at the bosom of her dress—she took out the precious, dangerous fragment of blue-print that Anderson must not find in her possession—but where to hide it, before her chance had passed? Her eyes fell on the bread roll from the detective's supper-tray, that had fallen to the floor when Lizzie had seen her gleaming eye on the stairs and had lain there unnoticed ever since. She bent over swiftly and secreted the tantilizing scrap of blue paper in the body of the roll, smoothing the crust back above it with trembling fingers. Then she replaced the roll where it had fallen originally, and straightened up just as Billy and the detective both returned.

Billy went immediately to the tray, picked it up, and started to go out again. Then he noticed the roll on the floor, stooped for it and replaced it upon the tray. He looked at Miss Cornelia for instructions.

"Take that tray out to the dining room," she said mechanically. But Anderson's attention had already been drawn to the tiny incident.

"Wait—I'll look at that tray," he said briskly. Dale, her heart in her mouth, watched him examine the knives, the plates, even shake out the napkin to see that nothing was hidden in its folds. At last he seemed satisfied.

"All right—take it away," he commanded. Billy nodded, and vanished toward the dining room with tray and roll. Dale breathed again.

The sight of the tray had made Miss Cornelia's thoughts return to practical affairs.

"Lizzie," she commanded now, "go out in the kitchen and make some coffee. I'm sure we all need it," she sighed.

Lizzie bristled at once.

"Go out in that kitchen alone?"

"Billy's there," said Miss Cornelia wearily.

The thought of Billy seemed to bring little solace to Lizzie's heart.

"That Jap and his Jewy-jitsu," she muttered viciously. "One twist and I'd be folded up like a pretzel!"

But Miss Cornelia's manner was imperative—and Lizzie slowly dragged herself kitchenward, yawning and promising the saints repentance of every sin she had or had not committed if she were allowed to get there without something grabbing at her ankles in the dark corner of the hall.

When the door had shut behind her, Anderson turned to Dale, the corner of blue-print which he had taken from the doctor in his hand.

"Now, Miss Odgen," he said tensely, "I have here a scrap of blue-print which was in Dick Fleming's hand when he was killed. I'll trouble you for the rest of it, if you please!"

"The rest of it?" queried Dale, with a show of bewilderment, silently thanking her stars that, for the moment, at least, the incriminating fragment had passed out of her possession.

Her reply seemed only to infuriate the detective.

"Don't tell me Fleming started to go out of this house with a blank scrap of paper in his hand," he threatened. "He didn't start to go out at all!"

Dale rose. Was Anderson trying a chance shot in the dark—or had he stumbled upon some fresh evidence against her? She could not tell from his manner.

"Why do you say that?" she feinted.

"His cap's there on the table," said the detective with crushing terseness. Dale started. She had not remembered the cap—why hadn't she burned it—concealed it—as she had concealed the blue-print? She passed a hand over her forehead, wearily.

Miss Cornelia watched her niece.

"If you're keeping anything back, Dale—tell him," she said.

Dale knew herself cornered at last. The detective's deductions were only too shrewd—do what she would, she could keep him away from the truth no longer.

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CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

Mrs. R. M. Biennert and children spent the week-end visiting her mother, Mrs. Rosamond, at St. Marys.

Mrs. John Shoulders left Saturday for Tulsa, Oklahoma, to visit her nephew, Harold McGee and family.

Mrs. P. J. Kimner, who has been spending the winter in Chicago with her sister, stopped here a couple of weeks to visit her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Harrison, before going to Washing to spend the summer with her son, Frank Beasley and family.

Presiding Elder Brown of the Poplar Bluff District filled the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday morning.

J. W. Sarff left Sunday for St. Louis, where he will go to work Monday as superintendent of an Asphalt Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fisher and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Boone, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Edwards entertained four tables of bridge last Thursday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sarff, who are leaving for St. Louis. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. John Himmelberger, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bienert, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Reynolds, Dr. and. Mrs I. H. Dunaway, Frank Zillmer and Mrs. Josie Hart.

Hilary Boone received the first new Ford in Morehouse Saturday, a tudor sedan, which is attracting a lot of attention.

Miss Mary Frances Harrison of Cape Girardeau spent Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Harrison.

Only four teams were present to take part in the New Madrid County Tournament in Morehouse Friday and Saturday of last week. The games were close, however, and a very successful tournament was had. Morehouse won first place and had two players on the county all-star team. Portageville won second, Marston third and Matthews fourth.

Mrs. C. E. Brenton, who has been ill, is improving, we are glad to report.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kendall and little daughter, Emily, are moving from Wewoka, Okla., to Seminole, Okla., where Ed will be in charge of a plant. As this is a promotion for Ed, their many friends are pleased to hear of the change.

Miss Margaret Happel and little daughter of St. Louis will arrive this afternoon for a visit with Mrs. Jas. Kevil. Mrs. Happel's mother, Mrs. Everett Woods, who has been spending the winter in Florida, will arrive about Thursday. She will visit here a few days before returning to her home in St. Louis.

Among the many from Sikeston to attend the picture show in Cape Girardeau Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Randol Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Matthews, Mrs. Bess Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Morrison, Misses Ella and Della Harper, John Welter, Clarence Vogelsang, Charles Blanton and Miss Catherine Smith.

EMERGENCY HOSPITAL FILLED —ALL PATIENTS IMPROVING

The Emergency Hospital is filled again with its six beds occupied. All of the patients are improving.

Mrs. C. L. J. Bohn, of Memphis, Tenn., who suffered a dislocated collar bone in a car accident here last week, is expected to return to her home Wednesday.

Jack Shuppert underwent an operation for appendicities Monday morning.

Mrs. Lucy Acord underwent a major operation Friday morning and Mrs. A. A. Givens a major operation Thursday night.

Franklin Strewe, who was operated on recenlty, is improving and Mrs Steve Schroff, who underwent a major operation last Monday, is expected to go home in about another week.

TWENTY TO TRACK MEET

About twenty members of the boys' and girls' track squads of the Sikeston High School will go to Charleston Friday to meet the Charleston teams in a duel meet. A list of those making the trip has not been made out yet. Several on each squad are out with minor injuries and Margaret Whidden, who has been showing up well in the girls' events recently, is in bed with the measles.

Wm. Stubblefield of St. Louis spent Sunday in Sikeston, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore.

Miss Caroline Hess returned home from Arkansas, where she has been conducting a Sunday School Teachers' Training School.

INSURANCE MAN HELD FOR MELLEY DEATH

Basing their verdict on circumstantial evidence, a Coroner's jury Saturday ordered Alphonse Indelicato, an insurance agent, held without bond, following an inquest into the death of Mrs. Pearl Melley, 30, who was found murdered in the kitchen of her home in St. Louis Wednesday afternoon.

Funeral services for Mrs. Melley, who is a sister of Mrs. J. M. Pitman, of Sikeston, were held at Keens, Ill., Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Pitman attended. Mrs. Melley was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Solomon of Kennett and formerly lived there.

Mrs. Melley was found brutally murdered with a hatchet, her head split open, when her husband, Joseph Melley, returned from his work as a peddler, Wednesday afternoon, to find the front and back doors of the house locked, but a window on the back porch open.

The police were at first baffled as to the cause of the murder as no attempt had been made to rob the house and Mrs. Melley was not known to have enemies, nor was her husband. However, it was learned that heavy insurance had been taken out on the life of Mrs. Melley and an investigation was started which led to the arrest of Indelicato.

At the inquest Saturday officers testified they searched Indelicato's office and found two insurance policies for a total of $7500 on Mrs. Melley's life, with her husband, Joseph, as beneficiary. On one of the policies the detectives found Mrs. Melley's address given as 900 La Salle Building, which is Indelicato's office.

Questioned by the detectives Indelicao said the policies were sold to Mrs. Melley by a subagent, and the premiums were paid by her husband, and the two policies found in his offices had been brought to him for safe keeping.

Indelicato's statement was contradicted by Melley and the subagent, Otto Capraro, 914 Wash street. Capraro said he had tried to sell insurance to Mrs. Melley, but she refused. "If anyone wrote policies for Mrs. Melley it must have been Indelicato", Capraro said.

Three witnesses testified they saw Indelicato at Mrs. Melley's home during the afternoon.

The name Melley is also spelled Meli, police reported.

ARE MARRIED HERE

Hampton Mason and Mary Seabaugh, both of Sikeston, were married by Justice W. S. Smith here Saturday afternoon. The bride, who is under the legal age, had the consent of her parents for the marriage.

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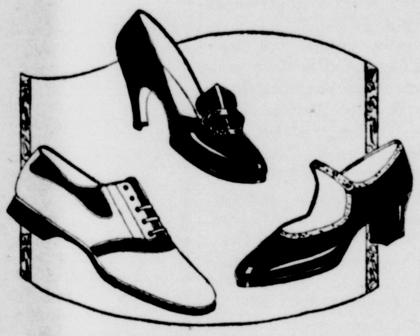
FOR SALE—Several fresh milch cows. Call Arnold Roth, phone 335. tf.

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping.—Mrs. Clem Marshall, back of Dye Hotel, 111 South Street. 2t.



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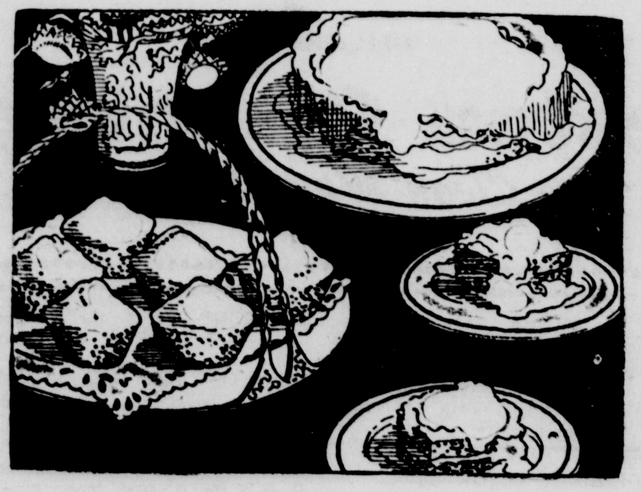

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Where the crowd could hear as I walked about.
If I were boss I would like to find
The fellow whose work is the proper kind;
And whenever to me a good thing came
I'd ask to be told the toiler's name,
And I'd go to him, and I'd pat his back
And I'd say, "That was perfectly splendid, Jack.
Now a bit of praise isn't much to give,
But it's dear to the hearts of all who live;
And there is never a man on this good old earth
But is glad to be told that he's been of worth,
And a kindly word, when the work is fair,
Is welcome and wanted everywhere.
If I were boss I am sure I should
Say a kindly word whenever I could;
For a man who has given his best by day
Wants a little more than his weekly pay.
He likes to know, with the setting sun,
That his boss is pleased with the work he's done.
—Anon

GEORGIA, YOUNGEST OF COLONIES, ONLY 43 YEARS OLD AT TIME OF WAR

At the time of the signing of the Declaration of Independence at Philadelphia, Georgia was the thirteenth and youngest colony She was then only 43 years old.

As early as the sixteenth century the Spaniard's foot had trodden her soil, and in 1717 a Scotsman's pen had extolled her as the "most aniable country of the universe, lying in the same latitude as Palestine, the promised Canaan herself". But not till 1733, a year after the birth of George Washington, did Sir James Oglethorpe, philanthropic member of parliament, with some 120 worthy but unfortunate English debtors, seek out, under a royal charter, this promised Canaan as a refuge for the persecuted. Soon came also carefully chosen religious refugees—Portuguese Jews from England, pious Lutheran Saizburgers and Moravians from Germany: Swiss, Scottish Highlanders, Quakers and a few French Huguenots. Thus Georgia early acquired a poor but substantial cosmopolitan population.

Georgia reveres the memory of her founder, Oglethorpe. Already a general, when he returned to England after lrmly establishing the colony he became lieutenant general, and at the beginning of the Revolution was offered the position of commander-in-chief of the British forces in America, an honor which he declined, as his sympathies were with the colonies.

For the first twenty years, in spite of goodly acreage inducement, progress was retarded by the ineffectual but persistent efforts of the trustees to make of Georgia a silk producing colony, and by their restrictions (in Georgia alone of all the colonies) against slave holding and traffic in rum. With the removal of these restrictions, there flowed in from Virginia and the Carolinas a literal tide of prosperous and cultured immigrants, coming with their slaves to find further riches in the fertile soil of Georgia. Strangely, among those first attractions was a band of Congregationalists of South Carolina who had been originally from Massachusetts, which in after years so violently espoused abolition. These were among the largest slave owners of the colony, and soon their prosperity was excelled only by their culture and patriotism. Georgia grew apace.

Under the three royal governors, the forts were strengthened; the friendly relations with the Indians so auspiciously inaugurated by Oglethorpe and Chief Tomochichi were cemented, a friendship which signally endured throughout the French and Indian War, the Cherokee War, and even the Revolution. Additional territory was acquired. Rice and indigo plantations enriched their owners. Corn was largely grown and cotton to a lesser extent. There was an active livestock industry, and a thriving foreign commerce had sprung up, Charles R. Crisp, representative in congress from Georgia, writes in the National Republic.

Georgia was not represented in the first continental congress, and the three delegates irregularly elected to the second congress were not qualified to attend, whereupon the indignant, liberty loving Massachusetts Congregationalists, acting independently, sent as a delegate Dr. Lyman Hall, who, however, could not vote. Georgia was violently criticiszed by her sister colonies for her laggard attitude towards the new cause of liberty, but there was much justification. She had less to complain of than the other colonies. Peace reigned within her borders, her commerce was increasing and prosperity was beginning to smile. She had not New England's ancient cause for enmity towards England. The mother country had been good to her. Less than fifty years before, she had given Georgia to Georgians as a refuge, grantsof land and money had been liberal, the royal governors had not been oppressive and the wise administration of her early Revolutionary governor, James Wright, did much to prevent dissatisfaction.

Many of the older citizenry long remained Loyalists, while frequently their own sons became arden Whigs. The "Liberty Boys" sprang up in Georgia and fanned the flame kindled in Tondee's tavern in Savannah, in 1774, into an ever spreading conflagration of patriotism and, while Georgia did not formally cast her lot with the cause of independence until early in 1776, prior to that time Georgians had actively resisted the stamp act and the military act; had elected Benjamin Franklin to represent their rights in England; had openly opposed and arrested the royal governor; had sent 600 barrels of rice to Boston upon the closing of her port; had attempted unsuccessfully to send delegates to the continental congress; had broken open the powder magazine at Savananh and seized 600 pounds of powder for the colonial cause; had defiantly "celebrated" the king's birthday;had made the first naval capture of the Revolution—that of a British ship and her cargo of powder, and had elected a president and commander-in-chief.

In 1776 Georgia elected five delegates to the third Continental congress, and in the same year the Georgians, George Walton, Button Gwinnet and Lyman Hall signed the Declaration of Independence. Early in 1777 the first constitution of the state of Georgia was adopted, and this Georgia became the last but not least of the "Free and Independent States of America". Once in, in no state was patriotism, both in men and women, more manifest.

The men who represented Georgia in the Continental congress truly reflected the varied character of the people of that state at that time. Edward Langworthy was the only Georgian born, Jospeh Wood was a native of Pennsylvania, Lyman Hall of Connecticut, George Walton of Virginia and Nathan Brownson was of an undeterminable northern colony. Two were doctors, one a teacher, two bore arms in the Revolution and all, with one exception, were planters. Of the five, George Walton and Dr. Lyman Hall were most noteworthy, not only because they were signers of the Declaration of Independence, but because of their patriotic activities and the positions of honor to which they attained in their state and in the confederation.

Dr. Hall, a Yale graduate, was a young physician of Connecticut. He joined the Massachusetts Congregationalists in the South and soon became a successful doctor and planter. A leader in all patriotic activities, he had the distinction of being sent by his parish as a delegate to the second Continental congress when Georgia as a whole declined representation in it. He was active in all public and educational enterprises of his state, served constructively one term as governor and then retired to the practice of medicine.

Waltonwas Georgia's most distinguished representative in congress. A Virginia orphan, he came early to Georgia, studied law and was ustiring in his efforts to convert the state to the cause of liberty. He signed and later assisted in revising the Articles of Confederation. He was six times a representative in congress, twice governor, once a United States senator, chief justice of Georgia, and four times judge of the superior courts

Nathan Brownson, like Dr. Hall, was a Yale graduate, planter and doctor. He was a surgeonin the Continental army, twice a delegate to congress, once governor, conspicuous in both house and senate of the state and one of the original trustees appointed for the establishment of the State university.

Joseph Wood, originally a Pennsylvanian, became one of the most arden advocates of Georgi's complete affiliation with the cause of liberty, earned a colonelcy in the 2d Pennsylvania regiment in the Revolution, and was twice elected to the Continental congress.—K. C. Times.

Louisiana—Completion of Champ Clark bridge here expected by April 1.

Candidate Lowden is to date the only politician sufficiently frank and courageous to permit a picture to be taken of himself alongside a bull.—Marshall County (Minn.) Banner.

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BABY RUN OVER TWICE BY TRUCK

Doniphan, March 30.—Although the two-year-old son of J. W. McCarthy was run over twice by his father's truck several days ago, he is recovering. It is considered a very unusual accident. The father saw his son on the porch at the home near here. He started backing the truck into position to unload some dirt. The child ran out and was knocked down. One of the front wheels passed over his body. McCarthy then started to drive forward and the wheel passed over the child's abdomen again. Although the baby was in a serious condition for a day or two, he is getting along nicely and is not expected to suffer any more serious results from the accident.

Utopia is a place where they would accidentally get one of those Teapot Dome boys into jail on a technicality.—Detroit News.

They say that the Democratic party will present a unified front this year. Now it only remains to persuade the front and the back to travel in the same direction.—San Diego Union.

The Atlanta Constitution says there'll never be a monument to an unknown politician. Still, if they ever find a politician admitting he's unknown, he'll be worth a monument. —Arkansas Gazette.

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE

Washington. D. C., March 29.—"The attitude of stand-pat Republican administration leaders and defenders toward the Teapot Dome scandal is illustrated by the following editorial statement of the New York Herald-Tribune on Thursday,March 22", says a statement issued by the Democratic National Congressional Committee today". "In its editorial, this administration apologist said:

" 'The Senate spends a large part of its time in considering resolutions to investigate and annay able Americans doing their day's work. Another portion goes to oil slinging'.

"To properiy appreciate the attitude of this, the chief newspaper organ of the Coolidge administration, it should be remembered that one of itsprincipal owners is Ogden L. Mills. Mr. Mills is the defeated Republican candidate for Governor of New York in 1926. He is now Undersecretary of the Treasury, and therefore first assistant and chief adviser to Secretary Mellon. Among newspaper men who 'cover' the Treasury Department, it is general knowledge that it is Mr. Mills who writes most of Mr. Mellon's reports and political statements, and that it was he who wrote Mr. Mellon's belated letter to Senator Walsh, of Montana, of the Senate oil investigating committee, when the latter by accident discovered that $50,000 of the Sinclair Liberty Bonds were in Mr. Mellon's possession about the time he gave $50,000 at the solicitation of Will H. Hays to help clear up the Republican deficit hanging over from the campaign of 1920. In that letter, Mr. Mellon admitted that he for a time had Sinclaiir bonds in his possession. but returned them to the former Republican Chairman, Will H. Hays.

"In deploring the annoying of 'able Americans', the Herald-Tribune neglected to mention the names of any of those who have been worried by the Senate investigators. Among them may be mentioned former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall, who traded the oil reserves and received in return large sums of money and Government bonds. Another of the 'able Americans' who have been 'annoyed" is Edwin L. Doheny, and another is Will H. Hays, the former Chairman of the Republican National Committee, who got $160,000 of the Continental Trading Company bonds from Sinclair and distributed them out among 'able' Republicans to cover fake contributions to the Republican deficit. Mr. Secretary Mellon, who had some of these bonds in his possession, but kept silent about them for four years while the Senate Committee was trying to locate the crooked profits of the corrupt bargain, was another of the 'able Americans' who has been annoyed. Another is William M. Butler, present Chairman of the Republican National Committee, who was offered some of the bonds, but whose puritanical conscience prohibited him from either accepting the bonds, inquiring about them, or telling the Senate, of which he was a Member while the investigation was in progress, anything about them. Former Secretary of the Navy Denby, and his assistant Secretary, young Theodore Roosevelt, are other 'able Americans' whom the Senate investigators have annoyed, and it is not beyond reason to imaginethat even President Coolidge, some of whose closest political and personal friends have been damaged by the smear of Teapot Dome oil, has been somewhat annoyed at the persistence of the Senate in uncovering dirty deals inside his political family. As for the responsibility of the Republican party, under its present leadership, for the oil scandals, this recent Senate utterance by Senator Borah, Republican, is in sharp contrast with the Herald-Tribune's fit of peevishness over annoyance caused 'able Americans':

" 'Every dollar of this money (obtained by Chairman Hays from Sinclair) went into its treasury in order to satisfy the debt of the Republican Party. * * * It paid the Republican debt and if the Republican party retains it and refuses to repudiate the transaction, it becomes morally responsible for it from the beginning to the end. There is no escape from this conclusion. We cannot remain silent and remain free from guilt".

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Inbreeding of animals, in the opinion of experts in the United States Department of Agriculture, is one of the most effective practices in the improvement of livestock. However, unless directed with skill and understanding and followed by intelligent selection of the progeny, inbreeding may have undesirable consequences. Inbreeding should be practiced only by the most skillful breeders, and by them only when they have definite knowledge of the ancestry of the animals involved. The purchaser of inbred males, however, need have no fear of using them if they are superior representatives of the breed. As a matter of fact he should prefer inbred males to others. especially if they are not related to his females, because they are more nearly pure in their hereditary make-up, and for that reason are more likely to reproduce themselves with uniformity. They should be sold under a guaranty of replacement if they do not breed. It is a general rule that inbred animals when bred to unrelated one, even though the latter are themselves inbred, produce offspring larger and more vigorous than either parent.

Chicken shortcake is boned stewed chicken in its own gravy, slightly thickened, served on biscuits.

Russian children have been forbidden to believe in Santa Claus. Oh, well, one whisker more or less won't make very much difference over there. —Border Cities Star.

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WORKMAN'S COMMISSION HAS HEARING AT BENTON ON CASE

The Workman's Compensation Commission, meeting at Benton Friday in the case of Henry Banks vs the U. G. I. Construction Company ruled in favor of Banks. Banks was scalded last July while working for the company which is constructing the bridge at Cape Girardeau.

Orren Wilson, who represented Banks at the hearing, says:

"The Commission ruled that, when an employee was injured he should be given medical treatment at once.

"And if employee had to secure his medical attention, that the employer should pay the same; and that after the services of a physician had been obtained by the employee, then in that event he was not bound to release his former doctor and to be compelled to accept, the services of the Company physician.

"This informal conference, will clearify the Commission's position in matters of this character".

"SOFT LIVING" DUE HERE FOR SHOWING

"Soft Living", a Fox Films production, which comes to the Malone Theatre for a once day run Wednesday, is a racy comedy-drama in which Madge Bellamy gives ones of the best performances of her career.

During the past year Miss Bellamy has risen to the heights as one of the most beautiful and refreshing little comediennes of the silversheet. In each new production she gives out new and scintillating lights to her vivacious personality.

She is cast as Nancy Woods, a secretary of a famous attorney and she secures her weekly check on the lawyer's reapings of alimony from unfortunate husbands. Nancy finally comes to the conclusion that she would like the entire check of some cast-off husband for herself.

She marries Stockney Webb, a millionaire lumber king and thinks she will have soft living from then on. But Webb is wise to her game and the situations from then on are novel and hilarious, and finally comes to a dramatic climax when Nancy discovers that it is her husband she loves and not his money.

Johnny Mack Brown is cast in the lead with Miss Bellamy and by his performance promises to be one of next season's most promising leading men. In the supporting cast, who give excellent portrayals are: Mary Duncan, Joyce Compton, Henry Kolker. James Tinling directed.

MRS. LINDELL PEARMAN DIES

Funeral services for Mrs. Lyndell Pearman, who died last Monday, were held at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Bonne Terre, Wednesday. Interment was in the Catholic Cemetery. Mr. Pearman is a graduate of Sikeston High School. He and his family moved from here several years ago.

Pleasant Hill—18-foot concrete slab to be built northward out of here to Jackson County line this summer.

"BARBED WIRE" GREATER THAN "HOTEL IMPERIAL"

A new Pola Negri, mighty in a role that permits her to give full sway to her talents as the pre-eminent emotional actress of the screen will be seen here Thursday when Enrich Pommer's newset production for Paramount, "Barbed Wire", opens at the Malone Theatre for a one-day run.

The great tragedienne plays Mona, a Normandy farm girl who, in spite of her bitter hatred of war-time Germany and its people, falls in love with Oskar, a German prisoner in a French camp near her home. The play, in one sense, is not a "war picture"; it is rather a tremendous story of the back-currents of the war, an angle never before approached.

The girl Mona, as played by Pola Negri, is elemental, vital, intensely human. She is supported by a cast ideally chosen and back of the picture is a production staff of the keenest minds in the motionpicture industry.

The photoplay was adapted from Hall Caine's great novel, "The Woman of Knockaloe", the book that created a sensation when it appeared and brought its author even more to the forefront as one of England's leading men of letters.

Clive Brook, Paramount featured player, has the role of Oskar, the German prisoner, and he brings to the part the sympathy and understanding gained through his own five years of suffering at the front with British forces. Einar Hanson, the young Swedish actor, plays the part of the Brother, a central character in the story. Claude Gillingwater, veteran character actor, plays the Father, Gustav von Seyffertitz plays the villain, the Neighbor, Charles Lane and Clyde Cook, have important parts.

"Barbed Wire" is an Erich Pommer-Rowland V. Lee production. Pommer is the Continental genius who produced "Hotel Imperial" for Paramount, a picture which just before "Barbed Wire" was hailed as the most remarkable film drama ever made in America. On the continent he produced such remarkable and revolutionary films as, "Variety", "The Last Laugh", "Metropolis", and others of similar treatment.

Rowland V. Lee, directed "Barbed Wire" as his first picture for Paramount. His war experience as a private and later an officer with the Americans on five fronts gave him an experience invaluable in this picture.

Critics everywhere have acclaimed "Barbed Wire" as being "an ideal Pola Negri picture with an ideal Pola Negri", and Manager Wilson of the Malone Theatre is elated that he has beenable to book it for Thursday.

Lee's Summit—Old building west of "Journal" building being torn down preparatory to future building on site by J. C. Jones Lbr. Co.

A Holy war is reported to be raging in Arabia and parts adjacent. As we understand it, a holy war is about as holy as a civil war is civil.—New York Evening Post.

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Pullman was attempting to board the ferry from the Tennessee side of the river when he lost control of the car, an Overland touring, which crashed through the guard chains on the ferry into the river.

One of the baby's hand showing above the water was grasped by a ferryman. The mother was holding to the baby. Both were brought to land and revived. Pullam's body evidently went down with the car, which has not been recovered.

CALF CLUB MEETS

A good turn out of the members of the Miner Switch Calf Club at the Community Building Friday night discussed the action of the Club in buying calves at once. A committee reported that the quality of calves found in this section was not suitable and that calves in nearby vicinities were too high to justify buying. No definite arrangements were made but a representative of the Club will make a trip to the northern part of the State about the middle of April or the first of June to look over the prsopects there.

TAKING THE PAINT AWAY FROM FATHER

A favorite subject of the cartoonist for years has been the man of the house being driven to painting by an ambitious wife.

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In Republican history, oil, in two terms, becomes turmoil.—Brunswick (Ga.- Pilot.

We understand that the Chicago school superintendent is so pro-British that it has taken six months to prove it.—San Diego Union.

If any present-day Diogenes had to get his lantern oil from Teapot Dome, he'd immediately switch to an electric flashlight.—Arkansas Gazette.

TRUCK PLANTING CONTINUES BAKERS HAVE LARGE PLOT

With nearly 500 acres of truck gardens. either put in or being prepared for planting in this section alone, and many more acres in nearby sections, Southeast Missouri promises to become a truck center during the first year of serious trucking.

For the past two weeks acres and acres of onions, radishes, etc., have been planted. Grover Baker and son. William, alone have planted 32,000 onion plants, 25,000 cabbage plants and expect to put in 15,000 more. In addition they will plant about 420 watermelon plants, tomatoes, cucumbers and egg plant. This is representative of the planting which is going on all over this section. Mr. Baker has kept milch cows during the winter months and has made a substantial profit from them. If milch cows are kept on the farm there is a constant income from them and when there are no crops to tend they are a source to use surplus labor.

Happy Hollow—Farmers in this community sowing oats.

An Anti-Saloon League conference is announced for New York City. So the League is going in for foreign travel.—San Diego Union.

A success magazine tells about a man whose occupation is to corral the actors in a flea circus. He might be the proper fellow to send after Sandino's Army.—Detroit News.

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Between the President of Mexico and Mussolini it seems they are giving the Pope of Rome a bit of uneasiness. We have an idea if the Pope and some of his followers would stop interfering with State affairs and stick to their religion, all would be better off.

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The Standard is getting no pay to advocate Sunday picture shows, but are doing what we can because we believe it is for the good of the community as well as for the business interests. One of our ministers told the editor that he did not expect us to become a church member, but gave no reason for such a conclusion. We told him when he cleaned his own flock of hypocracy, then he would have a chance to reach some of the balance of we sinners. We are willing to take our chance with the good Lord, just as we are, to joining any church and be a hypocrite. We are trying to live right and do right. We are not a liar and two faced. We pay our bills and owe no one who cannot be paid any day. Our business is conducted on the square and every man treated the same. We are not slobbering over any man or woman, and that is more than some can say.

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What a difference there is in religious worship now and in the days of our youth. Then the sermon was of an hour's duration, or more, and they preached hellfire and brimstone. The songs were given out by the preacher who repeated two lines at a time then the leader would hit his tuning fork to get the pitch and all would join in singing "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound". After the service everybody was asking everybody to their home to eat the dinner that was prepared Saturday. Now it is tooting of horns and tinkling of bells and one cannot tell what they are singing and what it is all about. Eighteen or twenty minutes for the sermon, then a grand rush for the door to see who can get out first. It is a wonder that there are not more limbs broken and more clothes torn off.

LET US BUILD THIS COMMUNITY UPON GOOD WILL

Communities built upon a foundation of good will toward all, a sincere effort toward honest dealing with our fellow men, are the communities that will endure long after others founded upon a less liberal application of the golden rule have passed away.

It is the earnest wish of every true member of this community that it shall grow and prosper. Each one is anxious and willing to do his share toward promoting this growth. Each may do his share by doing each day his daily task in the best way he knows how.

Confidence in our home institutions, in our neighbors, and a pride in our local developments of both private and public nature will make for the progress and growth of this home community of ours.

CHAS. HEBBELER ACTIVE IN MUNICIPAL ORGANIZATIONS

Charles Hebbeler, candidate for alderman in the Second Ward, subject to today's (Tuesday's) City election, is a young business man who has been active in progressive measures for Sikeston since his arrival here about five years ago. He is a member of the American Legion, the Chamber of Commerce and the Lion's Club and has been active in the work of each of these worthwhile organizations.

Among the most recent things which Hebbeler has done toward the development of Sikseton is his work in the introduction of dairying in this vicinity. If dairying is carried on to any great extent it will benefit Sikeston materially. He returned about a week ago from a trip into the South, where he purchased eleven fine head of cattle as a starter for this section.

His success in the business world is indicative of his progressiveness. The Council needs progressive men.

BILLIE DOVE IN "AMERICAN BEAUTY"

A decidedly human story, presenting a real insight into the life of the American gril of average circumstances, is promised in "American Beauty", Billie Dove's latest starring production for First National Pictures scheduled for Malone Theatre Friday.

As a typically American girl, with the not unusual ambition to marry a millionaire, but at the same time with a troubling affection for a youth in her own circumstance, the character played by Miss Dove is a very real one and gives her what is possibly her best opportunity for an outstanding screen portrayal.

"American Beauty", based on the short story of the same name by Wallace Irwin, was adapted to the screen and produced by Carey Wilson and directed by Richard Wallace.

Lloyd Hughes plays the leading masculine role opposite Miss Dove, with Walter McGrail, Margaret Livingston, Lucien Prival, Al St. John, Edythe Chapman, Alice White, Yola d'Avril, Loretta Young and others in prominent supporting parts. This is a Richard Wallace production.

March just closed was remarkable for even weather. Not too hot, not too cold. Few showers and but one snow flurry. We should all be thankful.

Washington Letter

(By W. L. Nelson, Rep. 8th Mo. Dis.)

Without a dissenting vote, the Senate has passed the Jones bill, which represents almost a complete reversal of the original draft. This bill is lesigned to provide flood control in he Mississippi Valley from Cape Girardeau to the Gulf. While the Jadwin or army plan forms the basis for the work in a large part, provision is made for considering the Mississippi River Commission report. The board is to consist of the Chief of Engineers, the President of the Mississippi River Commission two civil engineers and the Secretary of War. The sum of $325,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated. It is probable, though, that in the end an appropriation twice as large will be required. All work in the terirtory referred to is to be at federal expense, but is not to be regarded as a precedent as to other rivers. The Mississippi Valley states have in the past put up $4 for each $1 of federal funds, or $292,000,000. Provision is made looking to a complete survey of tributaries with a view to controlling floods on these. The bill will now be considered in the House. At this date the Reid bill, ordered reported out by the Flood Control Committee several weeks ago, has not yet been introduced. An unsuccessful effort has been made to radically change this bill so as to meet the wishes of powerful interests in the House. It has been represented that no rule for reporting out the bill could be secured unless these changes were made. It should be understood that the steering committee and the rules committee are able virtually to control legislation.

The House Committee on Agriculture, by a vote of 15 to 6, has reported out the Haugen farm relief bill. Three Republicans and three Democrats were in opposition. It is tho't that the bill, which carries the equalization fee, will be passed by the House and that the Senate will pass a similar measure known as the McNary bill, as a result of which farm relief largely in the old form will again be put up to the President.

A bill of interest to Missouri is one to provide for the regulation of motor bus operations in interstate traffic. Joint authority would be conferred on the Interstate Commerce Commission and State Boards.

The attention of the Department of Justice has been called to an alleged quinine trust, formed to raise the price of this drug. In one day federal officers seized 100,000 ounces of quinine.

There is a decided difference of opinion as to the value of the work to control the corn borer, which has made its difference fo opinion as to the value of the work to control the corn borer, which has made its appearance in 89 counties of the United States and coming as far west as northeastern Indiana. The last Congress appropriated $10,000,000, but there has been much dissatisfaction as to the manner in which this was handled and in many cases farmers entered complaints. Some are frankly skeptical as to the value of this work as it is being carried on.

The President has, under the flexible provisions of the tariff act, increased the duty on barium carbonate from one cent to one and one-half cents per pound. This substance is used in the manufacture of face brick, enameled ware, plumbing and electrical fixtures, the price of which will probably be raised to the purchaser as a result of this tariff hike, which certain interests ask to "protect" them from German competition. Barytes ore or tiff, from which barium carbonate is made, is mined in Morgan and other Missouri counties. But the tariff referred to does not apply to the mineral as mined, so the producers will get no benefit.

The matter of an apppropriation to enlarge the activities of the Mississippi River Barge Line, which will be extended to the Missouri River as soon as it is ready, is having attention. During February the lower Mississippi River division broke all records for business done, carrying 125,000 tons, representing a net saving to the shippers of about $50,000.

The last day for making income tax returns has passed and receipts were larger than expected. For weeks the tax reduction bill, which Democrats, Progressive and Independent Republicans changed against the wishes of Secretary Mellon, has been held up in the Senate. This delay, it was said, was occasioned by the uncertainty as to the amount of taxes which would come in. Two weeks have gone by, yet the administration is still opposing the total reduction carried in the bill, notwithstanding the larger receipts. There is a strong suspicion that the real reason the bill has been held up is because Secretary Mellon and other leaders object to the provision requiring separate returns by all corporations, also the repeal of the entire tax on automobiles, as well as the retention of the estate tax, which reaches the very rich.

In re-roofing and remodeling the White House, much old timber was left. This is now being sought by individuals and firms wanting to use the wood in the manufacture of souvenirs. The White House, constructedof Virginia freestone, is 170 feet long and 86 feet in depth. The corner stone was laid in 1792. The house was fired by British troops in 1814 and only the four walls were left standing. It is surrounded by a large plot of ground containing many beautiful trees and shrubs.

One of the attractions at this season of the year in Washington consistsof 2000 flowering Japanese cherry trees. The trees appear as great boquets. The flowers are single and of light pink, but they are no more beautiful than the wild crabapple blossom, common in Missouri, and lack the wonderful perfume of the home plant. The first Japanese cherry trees in the Capital City were sent by a Japanese official a present to Mr. Taft, when her husband was president. Later, many trees were purchased.

It has been charged in the Senate that Secretary of Labor Davis' report, showing 1,800,000 unemployed, was made for political purposes and that the actual number of workers now out of work is nearer 5,000,000. The public was also told that much of the unemployment is due to use of labor-saving machinery. This statement resulted in a number of Democratic senators asking why, if such is the case, manufactured goods continue so high in price. The tariff, it was alleged, is responsible for the high prices of many machine-made articles. Senator Smith asked, "Are we to maintain a high protective tariff for the purpose of increasing the power of the few further to develop labor-saving devices and to protect machines as against human beings?

It is apparent that administration leaders wish to make the 1928 campaign on the claim that there has been "almost unprecedented prosperity" to quote the President. Altho' this is the plan, there has been some let-up in the prsoperity claim as regards farming, where the distressing facts are so plain it is conceeded that farmers can no longer be fooled.

COUNTRY WOMEN INCREASE THEIR INCOMES IN MANY WAYS

Many Virginia farm women are finding that through the help received as members of home demonstration clubs they are able to start profitable home enterprises. Not only the traditional "butter and egg" money comes to them, but additional income from selling flowers, vegetables, canned and preserved foods, pickles, homemade candies, cakes, grape juice, and many other farm or home products. A report received by the United States Department of Agriculture from the Mount Ayre home demonstration club in Albemarle County is typical: "Eleven members took in $1400 on poultry, including hatching and table eggs; 2 raised turkeys and made $245; 4 sold cream and butter and earned $250; 1 raised $25 worth of dahlias, and 1 sold her pigs for $299.67".

A woman in Varina, Henrico County, who had an electric washing machine earned a good sum washing blankets for other people; another in the same club sold onion sets amounting to $100. A strawberry patch netted its owner in Smith's Grove, Dinwiddie County, $200, while other members of the same home demonstration group earned money, respectively, from a bean patch, from flowers and bulbs, and from buttermilk. Keeping books for the local gas station was one unusual way for a Beulah, Henrico County, farm woman to add to her income. From Clayville, Powhatan County, a woman sends jonquils to Washington, D. C., and in 1927 they brought her $100. Members of the "Willing Workers" club in the same county have built up a very good business in week-end baskets of fruits and vegetables which are largely sent by parcel post to Richmond. This business developed out of a desire to help the local postal route by having more packages and baskets collected direct from the mail boxes.

Booze and Boodle will probably be the lines of attack in the coming election.—Brunswick (Ga.) Pilot.

Maybe a lot of the static we're getting now is dark horses whinnying.—Arkansas Gazette.

A few glasses of strawberry or rhubarb preserves made this sppring will be handy for Christmas gifts next winter.

The passing of the feminine stream-line silhouette will bring cheer to the farmers who blame dieting women for the farm crop surplus.—Marshall County (Minn.) Banner.

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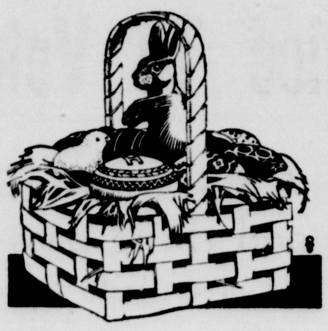

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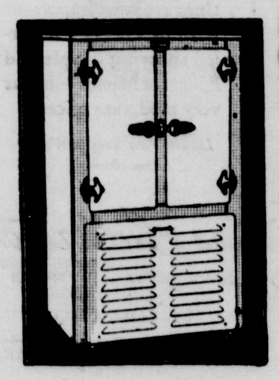

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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN ORGANIZED SINCE WAR

As a result of the general interest in the plight of the cripple since the Great War a good many states came to make a special study of the problem with definite legislation to ameliorate his condition. Ohio was one of the first States to undertake that under the leadership of that great character, "Daddy" Allen, who has given his life to the cause for the past ten years or more. Under his leadership the Ohio Society for Crippled Children was organized in 1919 and eventually there followed also in similar manner the organization of other State societies which developed into the International Society for Crippled Children. The International Society for Crippled Children has just held its seventh annual meeting with Daddy Allen as president. Last year saw twenty-four State societies affiliated with it, each doing a similarwork. Some of the oldest State societies in addition to that of Ohio are New York, Michigan, Illinois, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Oklahom andWisconsin.

The Missouri Society for Crippled Children modeled on the general lines of the others. was formed in April of last year with the following purposes as its first objective:

"Article II, Section 2.—To make this possible, it proposes—(a) The establishment of a central bureau to initiate, co-ordinate, and direct the securing and compiling of information concerning the care, cure and education of crippled children in the State of Missouri.

b) To make surveys by counties of conditions existing in Missouri.

(c) To assist in the development of adequate hospital and convalescent facilities.

(d) To promote the establishment of special classes and schools for crippled children.

(e) To promote such measures as seek the economic independence of the crippled.

(f) To work with all existing organizations interested in the physical and mental betterment of the crippled child to the end that the scope, purpose and co-ordination of such organizations, together with the Missouri Society for Crippled Children, shall be enlarged and improved".

Following is a list of the officers and directors of the Society: President H. C. Martin, St. Louis; 1st vice-president, Frank I. Buckingham, Kansas City; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Belle McCahan, Kirksville; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. Elias Michael, St. Louis; 4th vice-president. Dr. W. M. Marriott, St. Louis; Secretary, Frank E. Kimball, Jefferson City; Treasurer, Elliott R. Couden, St. Louis; Dr. James A. Stewart, Jefferson City; Dean G. L. Noyes, Columbia; Dr. F. D. Dickson, Kansas City; B. G. Shackleford, St. Louis; Dr. Archer O'Reilly, St. Louis; R. J. DeLano, Kansas City; E. H. Winters, Jefferson City, Dr. H. S. Curtis. Jefferson City ;Mrs. Charles W. Greene, Columbia;Mrs. Ira Bretzfelder, St. Louis; Dr. M. L. Klinefelter, St. Louis; W. H. Danforth, St. Louis; Mrs. Henry Ess, Kansas City; Dr. C. B. Francisco, Kansas City; Mrs. George Hoxie, Kansas City, Mrs. Ernst Simonsen, Jefferson City; Judge John C. Landis, St. Joseph.

ARTICLE NO. 35

One of the best ways to learn how to play a good game of auction is to study the mistakes made by others. In this way similar mistakes can be avoided and your own game improved to that extent. Here are several hands that bring out points that should be carefully studied and understood:

Example Hand No. 1
Hearts—K, Q, J, 8, 7, 5
Clubs—10, 7
Diamonds—A, K, 5
Spades—A, 7

Y
A B
Z

No score, first game. Z dealt and passed, A bid one spade, Y bid two hearts, B bid two spades. Z passed, A also passed, Y bid three hearts, and B passed. Z passed and A bid three spdaes. What should Y now do? Should he pass or bid four hearts? Y should pass. He has bid all that his hand is possibly worth. If he does bid four hearts he is pretty sure to be doubled and lose a big penalty. On the other hand, he has so many good cards that he has a good chance to save the game, even if his partner doesn't take a trick.

In the actual hand however, Y bid four hearts, was doubled, and lost four hundred points. A spades, A-B could have scored only three odd.

Be on the lookout for hands of htis type and don't overbid when you know you are badly licked, especially when you have a good chance to save game at the opponent's bid.

Example Hand No. 2
Hearts—K. Q, 10, 7, 6, 3
Clubs—A
Diamonds—A, K, Q, 9
Spades—8, 5

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and passed, A bid one club, Y bid three hearts, B and Z passed and A doubled. Y passed, B bid four clubs, Z and A passde and Y doubled. If B and Z passed and A redoubled, what should Y now do? Should he pass the redouble or bid four hearts? Y should pass the redouble and leave it to his partner to decide whether they could defeat four clubs or should try to make four hearts. Y's hand is so strong that it is almost a certainty that he can defeat the four club bid. On the other hand, Z's failure to bid over B's four clubs and A's double of three hearts makes it very unlikely that Y can make four odd in hearts. For thtse very evident reasons, Y should pass the redouble and try to defeat the four club bid.

In the actual game, however, Y got panicky when A redoubled and bid four hearts. A doubled and Y failed to make his contract by one trick. If he had passed the redouble, he would have defeated the four club bid by two tricks or four hundred points, so Y's mistake in judgment in this instance cost him five hundred points. Whenever in doubt, choose the certainty.

Example Hand No. 3
Hearts—J, 7
Clubs—A, J, 6, 3
Diamonds—Q. 8, 7, 4
Spades—A, J, 8

Y
A B
Z

No score, first game. Z dealt and bid one heart. If A bid one no-trump, what should Y do? Should he pass. double one no-trump or bid two no-trump? One of the best ways to decide Y's proper bid is by deciding what Y should do if A had passed Z's one heart bid. Under these conditions Y should have bid one no-trump, for he has a very strong hand and only two hearts. If such is the case, how can A make one no-trump if Z has an original heart bid and Y has a hand on which he justifiably could have bid one no-trump if A had passed?

If you consider all these factors, it is at once apparent that Y should double A's bid of one no-trump. In the actual game Y passed and defeated A's bid by five tricks. When you have a certainty such as this, don't hesitate to take advantage of the opportunity and score a big penalty. If Y had been alert to the situation he would have doubled the one no-trump and scored five hundred points instead of two hundred and fifty.

Answer to Problem No. 36

Hearts—A, J, 9, 7, 6
Clubs—8, 7
Diamonds—A, 10. 9, 7, 3
Spades—9

Hearts—K 10, 3
Clubs—9, 2
Diamonds—K, J, 8, 2
Spades—7. 5, 3, 2

Y
A B
Z

Hearts—Q, 8, 5, 4
Clubs—6, 4
Diamonds—Q, 6, 5
Spades—Q, J, 10, 6

Hearts—2
Clubs—A, K, Q, J, 10 5, 3
Diamonds—4
Spades—A, K, 8, 4

Clubs are trumps and Z is playing the hand. If A leads the nine of clubs, how can Z play the hand so that he will win all of the tricks against any defense? Z should win the trick and lead the four of diamonds, winning the trick in Y's hand with the ace. He should then lead a small diamond and trump in his own hand with a small trump. He should then lead the king of spades and follow with the four of spades, trumping in Y's hand with the eight of clubs. He should then lead a small diamond from Y's hand and trump in his own hand. He should then lead out four rounds of trumps. A must make three discards. He can discard one heart and two spades. He cannot discard his king of diamonds or Y's ten of diamonds will be good. Y must make four discards. He can discard three hearts and the nine of diamonds. B must make three discards. He must discard three hearts. He cannot discard a spade or Z's spades will be good.

At the tenth trick, therefore, the players have the following cards in their respective hands:

Hearts—A, J
Clubs—none
Diamonds—10
Spades—none

Hearts—K, 10
Clubs—none
Diamonds—K
Spades—none

Y
A B
Z

Hearts—Q
Clubs—none
Diamonds—none
Spades—Q, J

Hearts—2
Clubs—none
Diamonds—none
Spades—A, 8

At the eleventh trick Z should lead the ace of spades and A is forced to discard. He cannot discard the king of diamonds or Y's ten of diamonds will be good. Therefore A must discrad the ten of hearts. Y then discards the ten of diamonds and B follows suit. Z now leads the deuce of hearts and Y wins the next two tricks. In this problem both A and B are forced to discard winning hearts —B at the tenth trick. This forcing of discards from the hands of both opponents is the so-called double squeeze.

Clarence Bennett of St. Louis was returned to that place Monday night by Constable Brown Jewell along with a rented Buick car, which Bennett had hired Sunday and had failed to return. Jewell received a request from the St. Louis police and the Hertz-Drive-Yourself Company Monday to be on the lookout for a Buick coupe. He drove north on No. 61 to McMullin, where he found the car and man. Bennett had been visiting in that vicinity. He readily accompanied the officer to St. Louis with the car.

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VOTERS
Attention Please!

Due to the fact that the Southeast Missouri Lumberman's Association has been in session and the E. C. Robinson Lumber Company rebuilding their lumber yard, taking up considerable of my time, I have been unable to make a house to house canvass to solicit your vote and support. But---

I Want Your Vote

and am taking this method of soliciting your vote in my race for the office of mayor.

Thanks,

N. E. Fuchs

HOW WEATHER AND THE BOLL WEEVIL RULE AN INDUSTRY

How the weather may enter into the business of chemical manufacturing is illustrated by recent statistics on the production of calcium arsenate, the insecticide principally used to reduce the destructive wrought by the cotton-boll weevil. In the year ended August 31, 1927, reports from all but three manufacturers indicated a production of more than 18,000,000 pounds in comparison with a little more than 5.000,000 pounds the preceding year. The small production in 1926 was the result of a large carry-over stock from the preceding year. The insecticide dust had been manufactured in preparation for a normal demand during 1925, but owing to weather conditions the boll weevil did not attack the 1925 crop in sufficient numbers to warrant the extensive use of the dust. In 1926 there was an increase in the number of boll weevils. This stimulated the use of calcium arsenate and thus disposed of the surplus and left a comparatively small carry-over. With a further increase in weevil damage during 1927, the manufacturers again began active production.

MATING CRY OF WILD TURKS SHOWS GAME PRESERVATION

The wild gobblers are calling for their mates throughout the Ozark hills and wooded valleys. It is a harbinger of spring. Co-incident with the flash of the rainbow trout in the waters of our State parks, where fishing for this beautiful member of the finney tribe is now permittde, comes the mating cry of Missouri's largest game bird, nad nature's supreme method of propagating wild life comes to the aid of our modern efforts to preserve the game.

The fact, as reported to the Game and Fish Department headquarters, that the wild turkeys are mating, is an object lesson. and a real one, attesting to the truth of the assertion that wild life in Missouri can be multiplied as well as preserved. It is the basis upon which we are being asked to purchase more hunting and fishing licenses, the only source of the revenue upon which Missourians must depend, at least for the immediate future, for any increase in either the population of wild life in our fields and forests or for whatever efforts are put forth in that direction.

No wonder the world is crooked; even some of the stars are fixed.—Palm Beach Post.

It would be a fine stroke if somebody should convince Big Bill that Chicago bandits are emissaries of King George.—Chattanooga News.

In Siberia, Mr. Trotzky is so far away from the centers of news that he isn't reported dead nearly as often as he used to be.—Detroit News.

A Congressman has discovered that the lobbyist payroll in Washington is greater than the Congressional. Perhaps that's why it hurts so.—Omaha World-Herald.

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John Barleycorn seems to rest in his grave with all the reposeful calm of a Japanese waltzing mouse.—Arkansas Gazette.

A great many animals laugh, says a scientist. And of course a great many people give them good reason to.—San Diego Union.

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April 3

S. N. SHEPHERD

MISINFORMATION

It has come to me that certain parties are working against me and stating that I was against the progressive moves that might make Sikeston a better city in which to live. This is not so. This is my home where I live and make my living. It is my wish and desire to see Sikeston have improved streets, a better system of street lighting, water mains for fire fighting, or anything else that will make our property worth 100 cents on the dollar. Conditions have changed since we have the concrete roads and Sikeston must progress along with the highways or cease to be a city.

F. F. YOUNG.
Candidate for Alderman for 4th Ward

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT GIVES SAFETY RULES

"Safety First" is still the most expressive slogan that has been devised to call to one's attention the ever present chance of accident, according to the "Roadio" news of the State Highway Department.

The "Safety First" sloganist is the individual who realizes his responsibility for accidents and the necessity for the highest degree of care in operating his motor vehicle, or in walking upon the highways. He is well aware of the suffering, sorrow, and unhappiness which usually follow highway accidents; and courtesy and caution at all times is his solemn pledge.

Every user of the highway should be acquainted with rules, the use of which serve as an aid to safety.

The following rules which are worthy of reference now and then are offered as an aid to safety on the highways. Their paplication by all road usres should eliminate the majority of accidents, unless they be the acts of nature.

Rules for safety on the highways:

1. Keep in mind the slogan "Safety First". Remember it is far better to be safe than sorry.

2. Be courteous and respect the rights of all other users of the highways. Give the other fellow the benefit of the doubt.

3. Control your temper: never allow an upset personality to show expression through the use of your car. Remember that selfishness and greed in a competent driver may be even more dangerous than the inexperience of incompetent drivers.

4. Slow down when approaching intersecting highways, bridges, causeways, levees, dams, sharp curves, turns, steep descents, schools, groups or gatherings of persons or animals on or near the highway, railroad or interurban grade crossings, pedestrians on the highways, or horses or other animals that show fear.

5. Do not drive from a side-road or private driveway into a boulevard or arterial highway, such as a State road, without stopping and looking both ways.

6. Use extreme caution at all railroad crossings. Remember that many grade crossing accidents are causde by drivers who, in excitement of peril, stall their engines.

7. Do not race on the highway, the unexpected is likely to happen. There is also danger in speeding up when a car passed you from behind.

8. Keep car under control at all times, thus following the rule that it is not speed so much as recklessness that causes accidents.

9. Observe strictly all official highway warning signs. Know their meaning by the shape of the sign as well as by the words thereon.

10. When walking on the highway, walk on the left side facing traffic and step off to left when necessary, and keep out of the middle of the road.

11. Keep brakes in good repair. Your brakes are not safe unless they will hold your car on any hill you can climb.

12. Never drive a car with defective steering gears. Too much play in your steering gear is dangerous.

13. Remember that worn tires, especially on the front wheels, are exceedingly dangerous to yourself and others.

14. Consider as a possible death trap every overloaded, slowly moving truck that takes the middle fo the road, instead of one side. Overloaded trucks have overloaded brakes, which cannot be efficient.

15. See that your headlights are focused upon the road ahead and not up in the air. Dim your lights when approaching other cars at night, unless your headlights are equipped with an effective non-glare device. Keep both headlights burning at night. Remember that glaring headlights are murderously dangerous.

16. Carry a pair of good tire chains for emergency use. Also a tow rope, a flash light and at least one spare tire.

17. Don't speed on wet or icy pavements. Drive carefully as spots covered with mud, snow, or ice may cause you trouble.

18. Keep your car locked and out of the possession of joy-riders or thieves.

19. Allow no one to drive your car who is not legally entitled or competent to do so.

20. Observe the Eighteenth Amendment as a traffic safety measure, as intoxicated drivers are still the source of accidents.

21. Never drive a motor vehicle when not physically fit, either from sickness or want of sleep. Fatigue is adjudged to be a very strong factor working against safety.

22. Do not be a road hog. Stay on your side of the road.

23. Give your attention to the pavement or traveled way ahead of you and avoid driving off tht surface.

24. Frequently examine the tail light, and see that it is operating.

25. Never attempt to pass another car without sounding your horn.

26. Sound your horn whenever there is real danger to yourself or others, but never needlessly.

27. Don't deface or remove road signs.

28. Never attempt to traverse roads that are legally closed by barriers.

29. Avoid a sudden stop, do not park on traveled portion of highway and never park or stop on bridges, curves, hill tops, or intersections.

30. Signal with outstretched hand when about to slow down, stop, or turn to right or left unless your car has a stop signal on the rear. Approaching traffic should be given warning in sufficient time to avoid accidents.

31. Edge over to the right of the road as far as possible when informed that another car wishes to pass you. Also, when about to stop on the highway.

32. Become fully acquainted with the motor vehicle laws nd obey them, as well as obey all the laws of the road which have been established by custom.

33. Never throw glass, nails, tacks, wire, cans, on the highway.

34. Don't fail to give aid in case of accident.

35. Never leave the scene of an accident in which you have been involved, until you have adjusted the matter of responsibility.

36. Do not pass a motor vehicle on curves, or on summit of hills.

37. Remember the danger from carbon monoide in driving through snow or within closed garages.

38. Drive with extreme caution through snow storms, heavy rains, fogs or mists or dust.

39. Car doors may cause painful and serious accidents. The driver should be responsible for the opening and closing of all the doors.

40. Don't depend entirely on the fact that you have the right-of-way.

41. Don't attempt to pass a vehicle unless the road ahead is clear.

42. Don't carry luggage or commodities which project more than 6 inches on the left side of the car.

43. Don't cut corners, or "cut in" short after passing a vehicle.

44. Make repairs on side roads or entirely clear of the pavement or traveled way.

46. In winter driving, be prepared for snow storms. Have proper clothing. Watch out for snow removal equipment. Do not pull sleds with children on them behind an automobile.

47. Travel detours wiht more care and attention than given to a main traveled highway. Remember, detour signs indicate better roads in the future.

48. Assume the responsibility for the safety and comfort of all those who are riding with you.

49. Use extreme caution and good judgment in extending an invitation to a stranger to ride you.

50. Improved highways eliminate hazards in the road. therefore, enthusiastically lend your aid in promoting the rapid construction of all State highways and farm-to-market roads.

Copies of "The Rules for Safety on the Highways" may be obtained free by writingl T. H. Cutler, Chief Engineer, Missouri State Highway Department, Jefferson City.

Excelsior—Oat sowing is order of day in this community.

HOLY WEEK

CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SIKESTON, MO.

PALM SUNDAY

Blessing and distribution of Palms, commemorating the reception accorded the Divine Redeemer upon His entrance into the Holy City.

WEDNESDAY

Confessions will be heard in the afternoon and evening.

HOLY THURSDAY

On this day we celebrate the Institution of the Blessed Eucharist. Communion may be received at 6:30. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30, followed by a procession.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day until eight p. m. Everyone is expected to spend at least an hour before the Blessed Sacrament in atonement for the sins of the world and in gratitude for the blessings they have received during the year.

GOOD FRIDAY

Services will commence at 7:00 a. m., followed by Mass of the Presanctified.

Tre Ore, or The Three Hours services commemorating the Three Hours spent by Our Divine Redeemer dying on the Cross for the sins of the world, will be observed from 12 to 3 p. m.

Every Catholic is urged to absent himself from worldy affairs during the period of the Three Hours, if possible, and attend the service at church.

HOLY SATURDAY

Services will commence at 7 a. m. and will consist of various blessings, including that of Baptismal and Easter Water, the new fire and the Paschal Candle. Mass will be celebrated at eight.

In the afternoon at 3:30 and again after 7:00 confessions will be heard.

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses will be celebrated at 7:30 and 9:30. The second, will be a High Mass. This is a General Communion Day for the parish.

The collection on this day will be for the Pastor.

MISSOURI INDUSTRIAL REVIEW NEWS

Gainsville—Saline Mutual Telephone Co. sells its local exchange to Middle States Utilities Company.

Liberal—Liberal Broom Co. leases W. P. Creekmore building on East Yale Street for its factory.

Elvins—Plans making for erection of new City Hall here.

Cameron—Cameron Telephone Co. removes poles from north side of Third Street in business section.

Pleasant Hill—Electric canceling machine received for local post office.

St. Louis—Missouri Pacific Railroad's new office building here nears completion.

Jackson—McWilliams &Query to rect two-story brick building on East Main Street.

Festus—Work started on new furniture factory here.

Kennett—Railroad street graded and widened.

Stanberry—State Highway No. 4 and No. 29 to be improved in next few weeks.

Harrisonville—W. H. Barrett building at northwest corner of public square being remodeled.

Bethany—Highway from Iowa line to St. Joseph through here will be made all-weather road this summer.

Trenton—Farmers' Exchange Bank and Bank of Trenton consolidated into new Farmers' Bank of Trenton.

Chillicothe—"Chillicothe Daily Constitution" and "Daily Tribune" consolidate and will be known as "Chillicothe Constitution Tribune".

St. Louis—Plans under way to establish government air mail route and passneger airplane service between here and California following route of Highway 66.

Republic—New route being surveyed for highway 16 from Billings to this place.

Lexington—Emrick Vinegar and Pickle Company to erect factory building here.

South St. Louis—Purchase planned by city of half block at Virginia and Blow Streets for playground.

Cainsville—New fire engine received here and demonstrated. Volunteer Fire Company organized.

American Car & Foundry Co. will build great motor bus factory at St. Charles.

Poplar Bluff—Work begins soon on great Black River power and flood storage dam.

Anderson—Plans making for greatly increasing truck gardening in this section this year.

Jefferson City—Ground broken for construction of new state highway department building east of Missouri Capitol.

Boonville—Local Chamber of Commerce starts memberschip drive.

Carthage—Graveling state highway 38 from here to point 3 miles southward started.

Monett—Odd Fellows plan erection of new building.

Centralia—Highway No. 22 will be graded and oiled from mile east of here to Highway 63 west of Sturgeon.

Union—Ozark Pipe Line Company begins operations here.

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FEDERAL HEADQUARTERS

SCOTT COUNTY HEALTH UNIT TO HOLD TONSIL CLINIC

The Scott County Health Unit will hold a tonsil clinic at Benton sometime this month if the people of the County are isterested enough to notify Dr. U P. Haw, County physician, of cases which may need attention and which wlil appear at the clinic for treatment.

It is necessary for the preliminary arangements to be made so the Health Unit may know what to count on when the date is set for the clinic. Parents who have been notified by the Unit of defective tonsils in their children during the recent examinations of the school children and wish to have the tonsils removed should get in touch with Dr. Haw at once. No tonsils will be removed unless the preliminary arrangement has been made with the Unit.

Atlantic City, we understand, has abolished the parade of the bathing (?) suit (?) beauties ?—The New Yorker.

A Chinese general has ordered that none of his soldiers marry until the war is over. He believes in one war at a time.—San Diego Union.

Coming months should show whether the wide scope of Mr. Hoover's engineering training has included anything about the proper guidance of political landslides.—Christian Science Monitor.

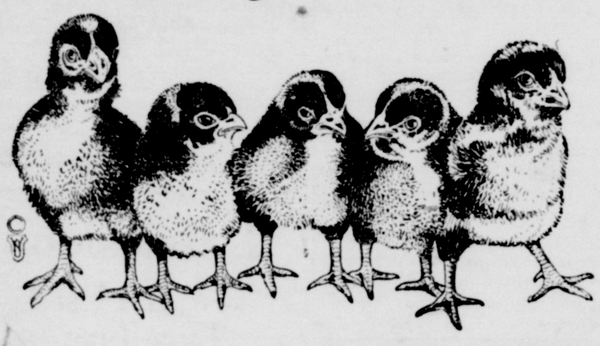
The three-eyed plesiosaurus found in Warwickshire, England, is said to have lived 200 million years ago. What a pedestrian it might have made had it not been born 200 million years ahead of its time!—Detroit News.

The Treasury Department says that Russia must take back its five million dollars in gold. The Soviet may open charge accounts here, but a true American will never sink so low as to take cash.—The New Yorker.

All the white man wants to do in the Orient is to take orders and give orders.—Publishers Syndicate.

It's getting so that an honest Republican doesn't dare own any Liberty bonds.—Ohio State Journal.

Poultry Raisers



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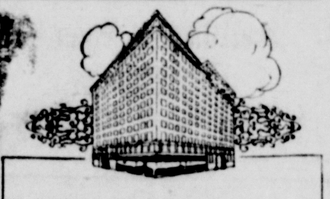

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